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Fort Almanac—December 25.

Sun Rises	7.09 A M
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Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	10.59 A M
High Water at Wilmington	11.04 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 25.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 36°; 8 p. m., 31°; maximum, 33°; minimum, 28°; mean, 33°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3.11.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 6.7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, generally fair; continued cold northeasterly winds.

OUTLINES.

A two days run upon the Calumet State Bank at Blue Island, Ill., caused it to suspend. —— There were 207 business failures in the United States the past week. —— Internal revenue collections for November show a falling off of $233,857. —— A series of murders of "Jack the Ripper" type are happening in Amsterdam, Holland. —— Archibald Brady, late cashier of the Charlotte Loan and Savings Bank, has been indicted for embezzlement. —— Robbers succeed in plundering an Express car on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, near Independence, Mo. —— Henry Delgado, an American citizen, the correspondent of the New York *Mail and Express*, has been captured by the Spaniards, and is now believed to be in Morro Castle; the American consulate has taken up the case and will submit it to the Government. —— The steamer Three Friends was seized by customs officials immediately upon her arrival at Key West and searched, but neither arms nor ammunition were found on board. —— Consul General Lee and his wife and daughter left Tampa yesterday for Havana. —— The preliminary charter for the Greater New York divides the city into five boroughs, with a municipal assembly of two houses; there will be one mayor, but each of the boroughs will have a president to care for local affairs. —— A letter received by a Cuban resident in New York gives the details of the murder by Spanish troops of Antonio Diaz, a Cuban planter, and his seven-year old son. —— The schooner Calvin B Orcutt, of Perth Amboy, was wrecked off the coast of Massachusetts and her entire crew lost. —— The Huffman House at Rockford, Ill., was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $190,000. —— A mass meeting of Cuban sympathizers was held in New York last night. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7⅛; Southern flour was dull and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 00@3 55, good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot quiet and firmer; ungraded red 80@81 00; corn—spot quiet and firmer; No. 2, 29¼c at elevator and 30¼c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 75, spirits turpentine firm at 26¾@27¼c.

Senator Morrill is opposed to having the inaugural ball in the Congressional library hall which was intended for heads and not for heels.

Kansas proposes sending a train-load of provisions to the destitute in the cities of Chicago and New York, "invading the enemy's country," as it were.

Senator Hill says he "doesn't speculate in Wall Street." This shows that the Senator is level-headed in some respects and has no fancy for being fleeced.

The Republican tariff boomers say that the tariff they will offer will be a "moderate one." Who ever heard of a Republican tariff that wasn't a "moderate one," in their estimation.

The claim that anti-toxine is a remedy for lockjaw was sustained by the successful treatment of a case in Chester, Pa., which had baffled all the other treatment of physicians.

The Cuban insurgent army has found a valuable recruit in a Cleveland base ball pitcher. It already had an American foot ball player. There are tough times before Weyler yet.

The Spanish War Office is playing a big bluff, and sends out word that it can mobilize 500,000 fresh troops. But the War Office doesn't seem to be able to get them where they are needed.

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With wars and rumors of wars, famine, and pestilence in other parts of the world, the people of this country are, notwithstanding the ups and downs that encounter us, comparatively blessed, and with this THE STAR greets its readers, and the rest of the American family with the wish that this may be to them a merry Christmas and the New Year a happy one.

One of the features of the approaching semi centennial celebration of the founding of the city of Milwaukee, Wis., will be some "hanging gardens." A hanging beer vat would be much more appropriate, and there would be more business in it, too, as an advertisement of the beverage on the manipulation of which that city prides herself.

Hermann, the magician, who died a few days ago, calculated on living twenty five years longer, and made his plans accordingly. Wizard as he was death surprised him, and left his wife with only a couple of thousand dollars worth of property, not enough to pay his debts. He was benevolent and generous and gave away thousands of dollars.

"Bloody Bridles" Waite, of Colorado, is on the track to do some wading now, if he sticks. He is recruiting a regiment of mountain fellows to go to Cuba, with which he says he will start on the march to Florida Monday, and swim across if can't find any canoes.

A Kansas preacher varies the routine of his services by reading to his congregation a story which he has written, entitled "Jake, the Merchant." He gives it to 'em in broken doses. At last accounts neither he nor his manuscript had been fired.

New Orleans is becoming the greatest grain-shipping port in the country. Last month it shipped 3,044,933 bushels of corn, against 1,607,939 bushels in November of last year. So far this month it has shipped 1,263,640 bushels.

A recent census gives the city of Atlanta a population of 85,000, which doesn't quite come up to 100,000, the number claimed, But one Atlanta man hustles around and makes as much racket as two people in some other towns.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLYDE LINE—Sailing days.
W. E. WORTH & CO.—Soft coal.
MERCER & EVANS—X mas prices.
PETERSON & RULFS—Merry Christmas
OPERA HOUSE—Woodward-Warren Co.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Wilmington Produce Exchange will be closed to-day and to-morrow.

— Miss Lillian E. Abbott, teacher of voice culture, has her studio at No. 112 Ann street.

— William Johnson, colored, was arrested last night for cutting George Williams, also colored.

— The steamboat *Driver*, from Fayetteville, arrived last evening at 8 o'clock with a large freight, mostly from way-landings on the Cape Fear river.

— The STAR was shown yesterday several fine Bartlett pears of the second crop this season grown by Mr. J. B. Mercer at his residence, No. 315 North Second street.

— The regular service at the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men specially invited. All welcome.

— A telegram from Havana says: "The Spanish journalists in Havana are organizing a flying squadron of mounted volunteers." The STAR thinks there are too many squadrons of that variety in the Spanish army now.

— The factories of the F. S. Royster Guano Company are at Norfolk, Va., and Tarboro, N. C. The company has no factory at Greensboro, as through mistake was stated in the STAR yesterday.

— The police made some twenty or more arrests last night for violation of the order of the Chief of Police, concerning the firing of cannon or dynamite crackers. All arrested were recognized for their appearance before the Mayor.

— Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co. announce a new branch of their business in the STAR to-day. They now offer Virginia and Tennessee soft coal to keep their patrons warm in Winter. This is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, as they furnish ice to keep their patrons cool in Summer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Pleasantly to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Andy Grey is in the city.

— Mr. Charles Cutts is in the city.

— Mr. W. G. Forlong, of Newbern, is in the city.

— Mr. Ed. Craft and bride returned yesterday.

— Mr. R. S. French is in the city to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Oscar Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., is in the city.

— Misses Eliza and Sallie Potter have returned from Europe.

— Mrs. Empie is at home again, after a prolonged visit abroad.

— Mr. J. W. Ragsdale, of Timmonsville, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Louis P. Hale and Dr. H. W. Lilly, of Fayetteville, arrived last evening.

— Miss Leonora Cantwell returned yesterday from school at Greensboro for the holidays.

— Mr. Frank K. Myers, formerly of this city, but now of Charleston, S. C., is in town.

— Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., has returned from Guilford College to spend the holidays in the city.

— Mr. King Corbett, connected with the North Eastern Railroad, at Charleston, S. C., is in the city.

— Miss M. Johnson, of Rockingham, and Mrs. W. E. Stevens of Clinton, were among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. James Ward, Mr. B. H. Jackson and wife, and Miss Jackson, all of Hub, were among hotel registrations yesterday.

—Misses Lizzie and Emma Moore, of Hookerton, are spending the holidays at the home of their uncle, Mr. J. S. Farchess.

—Mrs. F. C. Poisson, Master Herbert Latimer and Master Emile Latimer, of London, England, are here for the holidays.

— Mr. Walker Meares has returned home from Pollocksville, where he has been engaged as cotton buyer for Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

— Mr. W. A. McGowan returned yesterday from Clarkton, where he attended the marriage of Dr. C. S. Tate, of Ramseur, to Miss Mary S. Campbell, of Clarkton.

— Mrs. A. B. Mott, accompanied by Master Raymond Mott, has gone to Columbia, S. C., to spend the holidays with her father, Mr. J. B. Alexander, a well known railroad man.

— Mr. George P. Ganzer, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Georgia, is in the city for the Christmas holidays. On his return to Georgia he will take 150 negroes to work in the turpentine fields there.

— President E. A. Alderman, of the State University, is in the city to spend a part of the holidays with relatives and old friends. The STAR was glad to have a visit from him yesterday. He will probably leave for Chapel Hill to-morrow.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—669 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 25 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—485 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 46 bbls rosin, 113 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—100 bales cotton, 24 casks spirits turpentine, 87 bbls rosin, 100 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—163 bales cotton, 38 casks spirits turpentine, 140 bbls rosin, 139 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—7 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls rosin, 277 bbls tar.

Steamer Daggett—1 bale cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 55 bbls rosin, 70 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,387 bales; spirits turpentine, 98 casks; rosin, 478 bbls; tar, 724 bbls; crude turpentine, 11 bbls.

The Boston Line.

Only one more Boston steamer will put in at Wilmington. The reason given for the discontinuation of the Boston line is that there was not enough business here to justify it.

The STAR hears of this change with regret, and hopes that the Chamber of Commerce will take the matter in hand and, if the line is really desirable, enter into negotiations afresh looking to the securing of a permanent line of steamers.

The STAR is inclined to think the experiment was not given sufficient time to test the question of success; but it is evident that the Clyde management think otherwise.

To Repair the New Inlet Dam.

The stone which has been brought here over the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad and transported on lighters down the river is to be used in strengthening the dam at New Inlet, which was slightly damaged by the storm in the early part of December. There are 1,000 tons and it was purchased of the Mount Airy Granite Company. Some thirty or forty men are employed in the work, under direction of the U. S. engineer in charge.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 50 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

THE CANNON CRACKER.

The Ordinance Concerning Fire Crackers and Other Fire-Works—Certain Days Excepted from Its Provisions.

As the dealers in fire-works, and the American small boy as well, are much exercised over the proclamation published by the Mayor prohibiting the firing of "cannon-crackers," the STAR prints below the ordinance in reference to this matter. Section 3, Article Twelve (from the compilation of city ordinances made by Messrs. E. S. Martin and T. W. Strange in 1894), says:

"Every person who shall fire any cannon, gun, pistol or other fire-arms, or any canton crackers or other fire-works in any street or alley, or upon any wharf, or in any private or public lot, or anywhere within the corporate limits of the city of Wilmington, except upon a military parade, or by permission of the Mayor or Chief of Police, shall be fined $10 for each and every offence. Provided, that this prohibition shall not extend to the firing of canton-crackers and fire-works between the 24th day of December and the 1st day of January, in each year, and on the 4th of July, except west of Front street."

While the STAR makes no issue with the city authorities as to the propriety of suppressing the cannon-cracker, it does not hesitate to express the opinion that, unless the foregoing ordinance has been amended since 1891, the Mayor has no authority to prohibit the firing of cannon crackers except in that part of the city West of Front street, between December 24th and January 1st. The ordinance says plainly, in the last sentence of Section 3: "Provided that this prohibition shall not extend to the firing of canton-crackers and fire-works between the 24th day of December and the 1st day of January, and on the 4th day of July, *except* west of Front street.

Now, if it is conceded, and it must be, that cannon-crackers were intended to be included in either of the terms "canton-crackers" or "other fireworks," it seems clear that the proclamation of the Mayor alone cannot remedy the evil complained of.

A Slight Token of Appreciation.

Last evening a committee of gentlemen, representing Grace Fifth Street, and Bladen Street M. E. churches, called at the residence of Rev. W. S. Rone, who in a few days will leave for a new field of labor. Mr. Rone was out taking tea, but the business which brought the committee there was of such a nature that it was thought both advisable and justifiable to dispatch a messenger after him. When he arrived, Mr. W. M. Poisson, in behalf of a number of Mr. Rone's friends presented, with a few feeling remarks, the worthy gentleman with a travelling companion as a slight token of their appreciation of his labors and of their esteem and friendship for him personally. Mr. Rone accepted the gift in words of tenderness and gratitude. Mr. J. S. Furchess, of Fifth Street Church, Mr. Reuben Grant, of Bladen Street Church, and Mr. George G. Lewis, of Grace Church, followed in the order named with words of approbation and esteem.

Drummers' Bat Quet at Piney Woods Inn.

Another good time is promised at the popular Winter resort, Piney Woods Inn. The date is January 13th, when Mr. Charles St. John, manager of the Piney Woods Inn, is going to give a banquet complimentary to the commercial travellers of the Southern States.

Knights of the grip are the jolliest people imaginable and any occasion in which they are to take a prominent part will be most enjoyable. And the surroundings and entertainment will be such as to please the most exacting. Southern Pines is getting to be widely known as a Winter health resort, and the Piney Woods Inn is one of the leading hotels in the South.

A special rate of one fare for the round trip has been given by the Seaboard Air Line.

Senator-Elect Shaw Talks.

A STAR representative had a conversation a few days since with Mr. Angus Shaw, one of the Senators elect from Robeson and Columbus counties, and a prominent Populist leader. On three propositions he was distinct and positive in his utterances as to the course he would pursue as a member of the Legislature. First, he is uncompromising in his opposition to the election of Senator Pritchard or any other McKinley gold standard man to the United States Senate. Second, he will do all in his power to annul the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company. Third, he will oppose with all his energy any attempt to deprive the University of the State appropriation.

Entertainment at Masonboro Public School.

A public school entertainment, with a programme of twenty-six pieces, was given last Thursday night in the Baptist Church at Masonboro. All the scholars participating did credit to themselves and to their teachers, Miss Ethel Herring, of Pender county, and Miss Lizzie McMillan, of Wilmington. A "Fan Drill," given by twenty young ladies, was one of the many good features, and "Recompense," represented by Miss Bertha Farrow, Miss Jessie Hewlett and Mr. Ada Hewlett elicited much favorable comment. Special mention ought to be made also of Misses Bertha Walton, Lizzie Costin, Hattie Hewlett, Lizzie Beasley, Effie Montford and Clara McGowan.

Exports Foreign.

The British steamship *Graffoe* cleared yesterday for Liverpool, Eng., with 10,888 bales cotton, valued at $375,886. Vessel and cargo by Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Schooner *Florence A.* cleared for Aux Cayes, Hayti, with 118,838 feet lumber, and 25,000 shingles, shipped by the Chadbourn Lumber Company.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 50 cents. tf

CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The Board of Commissioners Invite Co-Operation of the Chamber of Commerce—A Committee Appointed by the President of the Chamber to Confer With the Board.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., President Chamber of Commerce, City.

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county, held on December 3d, 1896, I was directed by resolution to request you to appoint a committee from your chamber who will represent the large tax-payers and business men who are more interested in the tax levy and the county expenditures than in politics or in hunting places for favorites to draw pay from taxes collected from the people.

It is desired that this committee shall be permanent, as they would be in touch with the tax-payers, knowing their desires, wants and necessities, and ability to meet a tax levy.

You can assure this committee that any recommendation of theirs will be cheerfully accepted by the Board, and that their duties will not be onerous, and will not consume more time than any public-spirited citizen ought to be willing to devote to his county.

The Board feel that any expression of opinion by the committee would work great good to the tax payers of our county and city, which are so near being one and the same. The principal difference is that two sets of officials are paid frequently for performing the same class of duties; the paying of three or four physicians for services that could properly be rendered by one being a noteworthy example.

With this view of saving to the "county-city," the Board of Commissioners would be willing to appoint any physician that the Board of Aldermen would agree upon, provided he was acceptable to your committee and approved by the County Board of Health.

The Board would particularly, at present, request the views of your committee upon the following important questions that will come up soon for action:

What per cent. tax shall be levied for the following purposes: Payment of County Officials, County Hospital, Outdoor Poor, County Poor House, House of Correction, County Roads, Criminal Court, Military, Justices of the Peace, and the matter of separation of Poor House from House of Correction.

Most respectfully submitted,
F. W. FOSTER,
Chairman County Commissioners.

Col. F. W. Foster, Chairman Board County Commissioners, New Hanover County:

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 23nd instant was duly received. I heartily concur in your plan to give the tax-payers a voice in the administration of county finances.

After consultation with the chairman of our Executive Committee, and with several members of the Chamber, I hereby appoint the following committee in accordance with your request, viz: J. F. Divine, D. L. Gore, Samuel Bear, Jr., Jno. S. Armstrong, J. W. Norwood, H. C. McQueen, W. H. Chadbourn, DeWitt C. Love, J. G. L. Gieschen.

Very truly,
JAS. H. CHADBOURN, JR.,
President.

OPERA HOUSE.

The Woodward-Warren Company Playing to Good Houses—Will Give Matinee and Evening Performance To-day.

The Woodward-Warren Company gave their fourth performance at the Opera House last night, the "Quack Doctor" being the bill. Full of comedy and pleasing specialties, the play succeeded in winning the plaudits of the audience. Each member of the cast well played their respective roles. Mr. Woodward as *Ignatius Tattleton*, kept the comedy work fully alive, and Miss Warren as *Tabitha Hicks*, also caused much laughter. The company's engagement so far has been a most successful one from an artistic stand-point.

Mr. Woodward and Miss Warren's company of supporting players are far above the average repertoire actors and actresses, and playing as they do at 10, 20 and 30 cents, they should be greeted by large crowds at every performance.

A Christmas matinee will be given this afternoon, at which performance the comedy-drama, "The Great Diamond Mystery," which was performed Monday night, will be the bill.

To-night the society comedy, "The Old, Old Story," will be presented. To-morrow afternoon "The Girl I Love," and to-morrow night the farewell performance, "A Practical Joke." Seats are now on sale at Gerken's.

Newly-Elected Magistrates.

It would be quite embarrassing to be obliged to go through a marriage ceremony twice before one could be sure of the knot being safely tied, but such was the case in a town not a thousand miles from here a few days since. And it was due to the fact that some newly-elected magistrate was too previous in assuming his official functions.

The STAR therefore, wishing to prevent embarrassment, would remind people that according to the decision of the Attorney General, not until after the first Thursday in August next can any of the magistrates elected on the third of last November try a cause, marry a couple or exercise any functions pertaining to the magistrate's office.

Cotton Receipts at Wilmington.

The receipts of cotton at this port the past week are 7,516 bales; receipts same day last year, 4,713. Receipts for the crop year to December 25th, 206,093 bales; for corresponding time last year, 184,059; an increase of 73 093 bales.

The stock of cotton at Wilmington is 14,471 bales; at same date last year it was 21,743.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. English service to-day at 11 a. m. All seats free.

St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange streets Rev. F. N. Skinner rector. Service Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Offerings for general missions.

— Fire was discovered on the roof of a small frame building on Eighth, between Castle and Queen streets, yesterday about 9 o'clock. The Fire Department turned out in response to a call from box 53. The damage was slight.

GOV.-ELECT RUSSELL

BESIEGED BY LOCAL POLITICIANS AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

He Is Engaged in Gathering Information for Use in His Forthcoming Message—W. F. Hancock of Newbern Will Be Made President of the A. & N. C. Railroad—Said on Illicit Distilleries—Death of Mr. Robt. W. Best.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.

Governor-elect Russell was besieged by local politicians on his arrival here yesterday, and it was twelve o'clock last night before they vacated room No. 26 at the Park Hotel. There was a general discussion of political subjects by the faithful, but nothing was dwelt upon seriously, with the exception of the date of the inauguration. Judge Russell did not express himself positively about this.

Auditor Ayer, who paid his respects to the Governor-elect, told me that the inauguration would not occur before the 18th. "This much is settled upon," he said.

Judge Russell went to the library this morning, where he spent some time. Judge Russell's visit to Raleigh is entirely for the purpose of gathering information which he will use in his message.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Newbern, will be made President of the A. & N. C. railroad as soon as Governor-elect Russell gets in control. The news of Mr. Hancock's prospective appointment comes pretty straight. It was stated that he came here to consult with Attorney Purnell about the new move on the part of the stockholders. Mr. Purnell and Mr. Hancock were closeted during the evening at the Park.

Mr. Hancock stated to your correspondent last evening that he had published notification that application would be made to the General Assembly to change the charter of the A. & N. C. road. Mr. Hancock said that he was not prepared to state what changes would be made in the charter and that the publication of the notice was taken more as a precautionary measure.

Deputy Collector Shelburn went out on on a raid yesterday evening and captured four stills in Wake and Granville counties. Much beer was destroyed with the stills.

Mr. Robert W. Best, former Secretary of State, and Past Grand Master of the Masonic Order, died in Washington yesterday. The remains will be interred in Oakwood cemetery, this city, to-morrow.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 24.—Another payment was made on the Baptist Female University building to-day. Work will begin at once, and the building will be completed.

The inaugural will occur not earlier than the twelfth; it will be either the twelfth or thirteenth. This is agreed upon.

Judge Russell leaves this morning for his home to spend Christmas. He tells me the inaugural will be very simple, in deference to his wishes he will have no military escort.

Judge Russell expresses the opinion that expenditures must be cut down. Recommendations will be made along this line in his message.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Handsome Residence of Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse at Grimesland, Pitt County.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

GREENVILLE, N. C., Dec. 24.—Early last night the handsome residence of Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse, near Grimesland, this county, was destroyed by fire. The cause was accidental; the fire originating on the roof by sparks from the chimney. The building and nearly all the furniture were destroyed. There was some insurance on both. Mr. Laughinghouse is one of Pitt county's leading farmers, and had the best country home in the county. He was the Democratic candidate for the State Senate in the last campaign.

Death of Col. Roger Moore's Infant Grand-son.

The many friends of Col. Roger Moore and family will sympathize with them in their grief over the demise of the infant son of Mr. Parker Quince Moore, last night at 10.30 o'clock. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock from the residence, on Chesnut street near Front

DIED.

MOORE—At 10.30 o'clock last night, ROGER, infant son of Parker Quince and May Harding Moore, aged 3 months and 17 days.

Funeral Saturday morning from residence of Col. Roger Moore, at 10.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED GIVES NOTICE THAT I, certificate for one share, Number —, of the Capital stock of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company, standing on the books of said company in his name, has been lost or destroyed; that he will apply to the Board of Directors of said company to have a new certificate issued him, as provided in Section 19 of the Charter of said company.

nov 7 3m sa JAMES KNIGHT.

OPERA HOUSE.
The Woodward-Warren Company
Christmas Matinee this afternoon,
"The Great Diamond Mystery."
To night,
"THE OLD, OLD STORY."
To-morrow Afternoon at Matinee,
"THE GIRL I LOVE."
To-morrow Night,
"A PRACTICAL JOKE."
Christmas prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Seats at Gerken's. dec 23 1t

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Firecracker Ordinance
SUSPENDED.

The provision of the Ordinance prohibiting the firing of ordinary Firecrackers will be suspended from noon December 24th to midnight December 26th. Provided, however, that none shall be fired west of Front street. The firing of what is known as cannon crackers or those containing dynamite, is absolutely prohibited on any street, wharf or alley, and the police force have positive instructions to arrest any offender. Police have also been instructed to prevent the assembling of crowds upon the sidewalks or streets or parading the same in bands with horns, and to disperse or arrest any person so assembling or parading.

W. N. HARRISS,
dec 23 3t Mayor.
Dispatch copy 23rd, 24th.

XMAS PRICES AT
MERCER & EVANS'

Fit your feet with our SHOES. They fit well, look well and wear well. Try them! Respectfully,
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By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1896

TIME TO GIVE IT UP.

The suspension of the National Bank of Illinois called forth the following from the New York *Sun*:

"A great Chicago national bank failed yesterday, owing its depositors over $13,000,000. A Federal official, the Comptroller of the Currency, has appointed a receiver to take charge of the assets of the bank, and distribute them in due time among its creditors.

"Several times during the past year, and once within the last thirty days, the same Federal official has, by his deputies, examined the affairs of this same bank and virtually certified that its condition was sound. It is no fault of his that the bank has since become insolvent, but insolvent it is, nevertheless.

"What has happened in the case of this particular bank may happen any day with a dozen others of the remaining 3678 institutions over which the Federal Government exercises a paternal supervision, and for whose solvency it periodically vouches.

"Is it not time for the Federal Government to give up this sort of banking business and turn it over to the individual States?"

The Comptroller of the Currency here alluded to has displayed a distinguished talent for discovering the shortcomings of banks after they have become insolvent, when he appoints a receiver to administer on the effects of the deceased, as he has done in this case, and frequently before in other cases. It seems from the telegraphed statement concerning the suspension of this $15,000,000 bank that Comptroller Eckels was not taken by surprise, for he knew its shaky condition six months or more ago and informed the directors that they had better look after it, but they didn't take his advice, the smash came, and the people who had put their money in the bank were caught with their pockets turned inside out and somebody got their money.

Now the question naturally arises, if Comptroller Eckels knew about the bad management of that bank six months ago or more, why didn't he look after it and see that it was put straight, or shut its doors, and not let it run on, the public who had business with them supposing it all right and that the U. S. officials whose business and duty it was to look after banks were attending to their business and doing their duty? But it may be said in behalf of Comptroller Eckels that he has been worked so hard and had so much to do travelling over the country making political speeches, and educating his benighted fellow citizens on the "sound money" question that he didn't really have time to look after the banks very closely. He is a powerful man, a very powerful man, although quite youthful, but even a man with his lightning rapidity for catching on to money problems, and the intuitive grasp with which he clutches questions with which old financiers have been wrestling for years, can't be expected to do everything simultaneously, to run the politics of the country and the banks too. In his zeal to do the work of his masters, to beat Bryan and knock free silver out, the politics had to be attended to and let the banks slide. And quite a number did slide suddenly and quickly enough to catch their confiding and unsuspecting creditors for a very large sum of dollars in the aggregate.

There are a good many national banks in this country, it is a pretty large country too, and if Mr. Eckels gave the banks all the attention they should have he wouldn't have much time to devote to "sound money" missionary work, nor for making after dinner speeches to show how much he has learned about money, banks, &c, since he took up his quarters in Washington.

But must there not be something radically defective about a system by which banks certified to as in a healthy condition by *"expert"* examiners can be gutted in a few months, demonstrating that the expert bank examiners were not half as expert as the experts who pulled the wool over their eyes and roped them in as they had been roping their depositors and other creditors? The fact is the examining process is, generally speaking, a mere formality, a farce. The only banks they discover to need straightening out are the banks which have become too crooked to be straightened, and then a receiver is appointed to perform the post mortem ceremonies. This is what the *Sun* calls "paternal supervision" by the Federal Government, a supervision that doesn't supervise.

If it affected only one bank, or two banks or a half dozen banks it would not be such a serious matter, but the failure of a big bank like that in Chicago might involve many more banks and start bank crashes that might be felt more or less throughout the country, affecting not only the depositors and others having business relations with them, but scores of industries which are dependent upon the banks for the money to conduct their operations. The bank fails. What then? A receiver is appointed to administer upon its effects, to gather up the wreckage, dispose of it and distribute the proceeds among those holding claims, and the Government redeems its outstanding notes, that's all. The note holder is safe, but the depositor and the creditor are left in the lurch.

And that's what they call the model banking system which they wish to perpetuate, and with which they do not want any other system to come into competition. To give it still wider swing and complete control of the paper currency of the country, it is proposed to retire all the Government notes—amounting in round figures to about $500,000,000—to do which it is proposed to issue interest bearing bonds for this amount. But it will be a late day in the autumn of a very remote year when they succeed in doing that.

In view of these facts and others not herein noticed, it is a very proper and pertinent inquiry which the *Sun* makes when it asks: "Is it not time for the Federal Government to give up this sort of banking business, and turn it over to individual States?" It is about time.

MINOR MENTION.

Candidate Pritchard is now in Raleigh, where he will remain until the election of Senator has been settled. Possibly he may be elected, but from the present indications he will have an interesting and lively time in corralling the fifteen Populist votes necessary to elect him. So far his parrots that have been doing the talking for him and trying to make the Populists believe that he is sound on the silver question do not seem to have made much impression on the Populist papers in Raleigh, for the *Progressive Farmer* remarks as follows, and very pertinently:

"He has pursued a course recently which does not entitle his denials to much consideration among people who cannot be humbugged."

The *Caucasian*, which speaks for Senator Butler, discusses these reports at some length in editorials written by Mr. Butler. Speaking about the Republican programme to bring the tariff to the front and sidetrack the currency question, Mr. Butler in one of these editorials says:

"If the Populists help them to do this, then we will lose our standing and influence to show up the tariff humbuggery and push the fight against the monopolists and shylocks.

"The Republicans have no financial legislation to offer, because they are satisfied with Cleveland's financial policy for the present. But the Populists, and every true patriot, wants to see a man sent to the Senate who will have some financial legislation to offer; a man who will expose, denounce and attack the present infamous financial policy; a man who will offer financial measures for relief and continue to put the gold Democrats and gold Republicans on record for refusing to pass such legislation. The railroad combine must also be fought. This fight must be pushed vigorously and constantly, or victory and relief will never come.

"Every Populist in the Senate is willing to let the Republicans try all of the tariff experiments they desire, but every Populist in the Senate and in the whole country is opposed to sending to the United States Senate a man who puts the tariff to the front as a question of more importance than transportation and finance. Let the Republicans get a majority of the Senate of the Thurston and John Sherman variety, and the Peoples' party has not only lost its balance of power, but it has lost its power and opportunity to put the two old parties on record, and expose to the country on the floor of Congress their inconsistency and treachery."

Senator Butler and his organ talk so many different ways that it is not always easy to tell when they are in earnest or how they are to be depended on, but in this position on Pritchard they are both right, and if they continue on this line they can make it very interesting for Mr. Pritchard and for Mr. Hana's committee which is taking so much interest in his election, because they need his vote to carry out their tariff programme.

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During the late campaign the Republican speakers and organs, and the gold standard advocates who called themselves Democrats, assured the people that the defeat of Wm. J. Bryan and free silver would "restore confidence" and bring prosperty to the country. With the starting up of a few mills just after the election to fill held-up orders, they heralded it abroad that prosperity had arrived and was here on both feet to stay. Intoxicated by their victory, they saw double and saw a good many things that were not visible to the cool, sober observer. Aside from the exportations of wheat and corn for which in consequence of the short crops in other countries there has been a large demand, the improvement in business conditions has not made itself visible to the ordinary observer, who has been very anxiously waiting for it, as promised by the McKinley supporters in the late campaign; but instead of finding it they have seen bank failures more rapid and in greater numbers than preceding the election, industrial and business failures, and a reduction of wages for many men who were assured that the election of McKinley would bring more work and higher wages. Every day the telegraph brings reports of bank failures accompanied, as might be expected, by other failures. If this be the "wave of prosperity" it seems to have struck the banks of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and there is no telling just now how far in that section of the country the wave may roll, for these banks are so connected that the toppling over of one big one may carry a number of others with it. This isn't surprising, but it shows how little the ante-election prophets of prosperity knew what they were talking about when they were making their rose colored predictions.

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The wave of prosperity doesn't seem to have struck the tobacco planters in the Piedmont section of this State if we may judge from the following, clipped from the Danbury *Reporter*:

"It looks hard for a farmer to work all the year on a crop of tobacco and when sold not get enough for it to pay for the fertilizer used in making it. Experience teaches a dear school, but some of our farmers are such fools that they will not learn at it."

It has been about as hard, and if anything harder, to turn the tobacco planters of that section away from all tobacco than it has been to turn the cotton planter away from all cotton. There are lots of those tobacco planters who do not raise bread and meat enough to feed their families, but still entertain the belief that they can buy Western flour and meal and Western pork for less than they can grow grain or raise hogs, and therefore they think it is business to mortgage their unplanted crops to buy guano, and take the chances, which are nearly always against them. This is undoubtedly a foolish way of doing business, as the *Reporter* tartly remarks, but those planters who were foolish enough to believe the representations made by the McKinley supporters up in that section that his election would run tobacco up and voted for him, as many of them did, didn't show much sense either. But if a man isn't born with sense it isn't easy to fill his head with it.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— If the Choate Senatorial boom survives the support of a committee of fifty and the indorsement of Warner Miller, it will be too emaciated to demand much attention from Mr. Platt.—*Washington Times, Dem.*

—— No other nation pretending to civilization, but Spain, would make such a festival occasion of the violent death af a brave, picturesque and honorable enemy. The gloating over the killing of Maceo by a guerilla band is a shocking performance that must thoroughly disgust every decent man who reads the story.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

——It may be predicted with considerable certainty that no matter how Mr. McKinley's Cabinet may be composed Senator Sherman will not fill the place of Secretary of State. His Jingoism in the last, and in the present, session of Congress and his want of knowledge of the laws that govern nations in their intercourse with each other betray his utter unfitness for such a position. By his course as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations he has shown what mischief he could do if placed in charge of the Department of State. It is a matter of some surprise that his name should be seriously discussed in connection with the post.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Durham *Sun*: Mrs. J. R. Stancil died yesterday at her home just across the railroad from Trinity College. Pneumonia was the cause of her death.

— Lenoir *Topic*: A debating society at Antioch in Alexander county, having among its members two Baptist ministers, Revs. J. A. Downs and J. M. Shaver, labored last week on the question whether, indeed, the earth is round.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Thos. B. Ashford, of Kinston, is visiting relatives in Clinton. The latest product of his inventive genius is a simple device for repairing broken window blinds. It works like a charm and is pronounced a highly practical invention.

— Jonesboro *Progress*: Mr. John Brantley, of Harnett, died suddenly at Aberdeen last week. —— The low price of cotton is having a depressing effect upon trade and spirits. The planter who was fortunate enough to sell as he gathered is congratulating himself, while he who waited "until after the election" is decidedly blue, to put it mildly.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Justice of the Peace Whitaker yesterday bound one Frank Saunders, of Swift Creek township, over to court for assault on Leonard M. Stevenson with a deadly weapon, to wit, a dog. Stevenson was riding along the road near Saunders' home on a bicycle, when the latter, without provocation, set his dog on him with the result that he was thrown from his wheel and badly bitten. The Supreme Court has held that a bull dog is a deadly weapon.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Papa, what are combination locks?"

"Your mother's, I suppose. Part of them kept on her head and part kept on the bureau."—*New York Journal*.

— He—If I had known how sarcastic you were I never would have married you.

She—You had a chance to notice it. Didn't I say: "This is so sudden" when you proposed to me after a two years' courtship?—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

— Madge—Husbands are like horses; not much good till they are well broken.

Mrs. Spencer (with a sigh)—Bless me! I certainly have the best husband in New York, if that's the case.—*New York World*.

— The old gobbler looked dreamily away over the back yard fence. "Yes——" (A shudder ran through his frame)—"They are bringing out all our family skeletons these days." A glance at the debris from the dinner table showed that this was only too true.—*New York World*.

— "Dear me!" exclaimed the first-nighter at the theatre; "this is a remarkable era in the drama."

"Very," replied the manager.

"I am told that your burlesque prima donna earns $100 a week."

"No," replied the manager with a sigh, "you are misinformed. She doesn't earn it, but she gets it."—*Washington Star*.

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ANGELS' EYES.

Beside my window kneeling,
I watch the stars appear.
A silver mist is stealing
Over the meadows sear.
'Tis said that the stars which at eventide
Sparkle and smile and peep
Are the eyes of the dear little children
Who are sleeping their endless sleep.

If this be true, oh, tell me, pray,
Which of those stars so bright
Are the eyes of the little laddie brave
Whom the angels called one night—
Leaving a vacant little chair,
An empty little bed,
And a mother who seeks 'mong the stars each night
The eyes of Bonny Ted?
—Archibald V. McCarroll in Chicago Post.

HE PROVED THE OMEN.

A Sailor's Superstitious Prediction of Disaster Followed by His Own Death.

"Speaking of sailors' superstitions," remarked the veteran lighthouse keeper Josh Reeves of Sea Isle City, "reminds me of an incident that happened half a century ago off the Five Fathom Bank lightship, in which a sailor's prediction, based on an omen, resulted fatally to the prophet himself.

"A bright winter morning had caused the crew of the lightship to row a short distance away in a small boat in search of codfish, which are very abundant off the capes in winter time. A few hours' fishing resulted in a goodly catch and a return was made to the lightship. The fish were cleaned and the refuse thrown overboard, but a calm sea, with not a breath of air to disturb it, caused the refuse to drift in a circle around the ship. Toward noon a large flock of geese came in sight and settled under the lightship's very bows and commenced to feed. The waterfowl became very tame and swam chattering and hissing close to the ship's sides.

"Josh Crowell, a grizzled old member of the crew, shook his head and predicted death to some one on board within 24 hours. He said that whenever geese became so tame as to feed around a vessel's bow or stern, it was an unfailing omen of impending death on board. Crowell's companions laughed at his fear, but he told them to bide their time.

"Toward noon a strong gale came out of the nor'east and kicked up a heavy sea. Crowell was on the forward or bow watch.

"Many of the crew were in the main cabin below enjoying a social game of euchre, checkers or dominos, when suddenly they heard the sound of a chain running rapidly through the starboard bow scuppers. We rushed on deck in dismay, thinking the windlass gearing had given way. The sight witnessed will never be forgotten. Crowell had been caught in the relief chain and ground around the rapidly revolving windlass. His death was instant. His omen came true."—New York Herald.

The Lady and the Cyclist.

A lady protected herself against the rushing advance of a cyclist in Brompton road, London, in original and commendable fashion. The Telegraph of that city describes how the cyclist was racing along at his best pace and the lady was crossing the roadway. Instead of making a detour to avoid her, the man simply rang his bell and rushed on without abatement of speed, considering that he had thus done his duty to society. Pedestrians on the footpaths and busmen on their perches saw that a collision was inevitable. So did the lady, who braced herself for the ordeal and resolved on offensive tactics. Giving her body—not by any means that of a pygmy—a rapid swing, she brought the strongest and most padded part of her figure into contact with the front wheel of the machine and the bicyclist himself and sent them both sprawling into the roadway. Then, giving her skirts another swing, just to prove that they had suffered no damage, she finished her journey across the road and turned round and laughed with others at the unhappy cyclist as he picked up himself and the disjecta membra of his once perfect machine. He made his way to the curbstone, where he sat down to contemplate the damage, and finally he put the thing on his shoulder and carried it away.

Wrong Altogether.

The vicar of a parish not many miles from a well known fashionable town was recently preaching a charity sermon, and in the course of his remarks he rebuked some of his parishioners who he thought simulated distress for the sake of obtaining assistance they did not really require.

As an illustration of this weakness he mentioned that during one of his pastoral visits he entered a cottage of one of the supposed delinquents, where he found everything neat and clean, and, what was more, a large plateful of buttered toast before the fire.

"Yes," he repeated emphatically, "buttered toast! Did that," he asked, "look like want?"

In the brief pause that followed this outburst of energy a voice indignantly responded, "No, 'tweern't butter neither; 'twere drippin."

The effect of this correction upon pastor and flock was simply indescribable.—Pearson's Weekly.

If oil is spilled upon a carpet, immediately scatter cornmeal over it and the oil will be absorbed. Oil that has soaked into a carpet may be taken out by laying a thick piece of blotting paper over it and pressing with a hot flatiron. Repeat the operation, using a fresh piece of paper each time.

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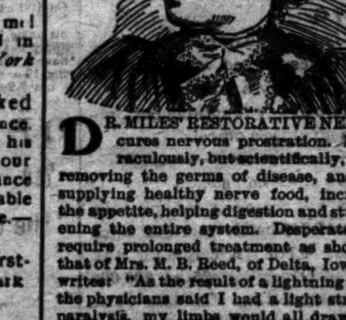

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Journalistic Enterprise In Spain.

A journal at Madrid tries to increase its circulation by printing its news, not on paper, but on cloth. Instead of ink a composition is used which readily dissolves in a liberal water bath. After absorbing the news the reader merely places the sheet under one of the public fountains, for instance, and there is a snowy handkerchief.

EYEBROWS AND EYELASHES.

A Little Attention Will Make Them Beautiful Features.

It is really wonderful to see how very little attention is bestowed, as a rule, on the eyebrows and the lashes. A woman will worry herself thin and make the lives of her household unendurable if her hair is falling off or she has a pimple on her chin, but she pays less than no regard to the state of any other part of her face. As long as there are enough lashes to protect the eyes and the eyebrows are thick enough to make their presence known she rests content, unaware perhaps that much of the attractiveness of her face entirely depends on these minor points that she seems to despise.

Not every one possesses that delicate, high arched curve that is the height of perfection in an eyebrow or the long curling lashes without which no heroine of fiction ever yet was complete. As a rule, scantiness of hair characterizes the one and short stubbiness the other. A great deal of this unloveliness is owing to the lack of care which nurses and mothers take of their children's appearance and the stupid habits they let a child get into regarding them.

Eyebrows to be perfect should be slightly arched, and the hair of the same length and softness. It should not be too bushy, or it makes us look unduly fierce and masculine, or too scanty, so that we look characterless and insipid. The color should be a shade darker than the hair.

The brows must never be rubbed or brushed except from the roots to the ends. Some people contract a bad habit in childhood of rubbing them the other way, and the effect is both grotesque and painful to behold. The hairs will never after lie as flat as they ought to do and bristle in unexpected places. A tiny comb and brush should be used daily on them to keep them soft and smooth. They should be most carefully washed every day, and the same care must be taken about the direction they are rubbed in. They should have vaseline gently smoothed over them once or twice a week. This will keep them in perfect health and serve to strengthen and thicken them. Where they are very scanty and coming out very much there is nothing better to use than a few drops of castor oil in a little paraffin.

They are sometimes apt to get a little scurfy. When this is the case, vaseline must be put on the spot, and it must be bathed with hot water and a little vinolia soap till it is cured. On no account must it be rubbed.

Eyelashes should be long and curling, and when they are like this they are most attractive and bewitching. A child's lashes may be slightly clipped now and then at the extreme points and will be longer and better in consequence. But this should never be done when a person grows older, as the only effect it has then is to make them coarse and stubby.

Vaseline, rubbed on every few nights, keeps the lashes in good order and will prevent them sticking together on waking.

All "make up" near the eyes is very dangerous to the sight; so no cosmetics or darkening pomades must be allowed to touch the lashes.—Philadelphia Times.

The Straining Horse.

In a London bus is printed "A Cry From the Horse," which is an appeal to passengers to remember the strain on the animals when starting up after stopping and to be as considerate as may be in the matter of leaving the conveyance, which recalls the satisfaction recently expressed by a tender hearted woman over the change from horse power to electricity. Nowadays, said she, I ride to the place I want to get off, for there are no overburdened horses to make an extra effort to get under way after stopping to let me off. I used to watch and get out when some other passenger signaled to stop as near my destination as might be, and felt a glow of content at having saved the animals one strain, which is only one way that the passing of the patient hard worked car horse has proved a relief.—New York Times.

A Costly Wardrobe.

The bicycle girl, if she starts out to be thoroughly up to date, will find that her wardrobe alone will cost her a pretty penny. Here are the prices of an entire bicycle outfit, obtained from reliable dealers in athletic goods: Bicycle suit, with leather trimmings, combination divided skirt and knickerbockers, $60; suit, with round skirt and norfolk jacket, $25; separate serge knickerbockers, $8; heavy ribbed wool sweaters, $5; sweaters in silk and wool, $8; cap, $3; belts, from 75 cents to $2.50; knee protector, $3.50; gloves, $1.50; suede leggings, $5; cloth leggings, $2; boots, $6; low shoes, $3.50; tights, $4.50; corsets, from $3.50 to $6, and this does not mention the wheel.—Philadelphia Record.

The Merry Go Rounds.

Palmyra, Me., has a unique woman's club, called the Merry Go Rounds. The members meet every Wednesday at the homes of the different ladies in turn and spend several hours helping the hostess patch the boys' trousers, mend wrecked stockings and take other needed stitches as the needs of the household require, finishing up, after a picnic supper, with a social and literary entertainment to which the husbands are invited.—New York Tribune.

Silks or ribbons that are to be packed away should be rolled in brown paper, as the chloride of lime in white paper will discolor them. White satin should be folded in blue paper and a brown paper put outside and pinned closely together at the edges.

London women schoolteachers are agitated over a proposal to raise the salaries of schoolmasters, but not of schoolmistresses. The highest salary paid to men is now $1,100 and to women $750, although their work and responsibility are equal.

Women physicians occupy honorable positions in the Maine Academy of Medicine and Science. Dr. Jane L. Hersom and Dr. Harriet M. Lewis are president and vice president of an important section.

Snowdrop linen, so dear to the hearts of our grandmothers, is coming into favor again, and with it comes a whole host of somewhat similar patterns, such as interlaced rings, coins and squares.

China has the new woman too. The daughter of a magistrate in Shantun acts as treasurer in her father's district, keeps the books, pays the bills and stirs up delinquent debtors.

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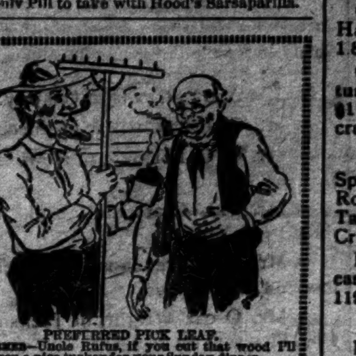

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Article			
BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4½	@	4½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 20
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 01
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 75
Choice	4 00	@	4 50
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	4 45	@	5 20
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			45
Corn, from store, bags—White	42½	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	42½
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	16
Dry		@	6
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 05
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2	@	2½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6¼
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	22
" " " in bbls		@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	28
" " in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	15	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	2 15
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	8 75	@	9 00
Rump		@	8 5
Prime		@	8 25
ROPE ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 00	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	4¾
Standard A		@	4½
White Ex. C		@	4¼
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5	@	
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market dull at 24¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 24 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Steady. Hard 1.40. Yellow Dip 1.90 and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28@27½c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $0 90; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	98
Rosin	478
Tar	724
Crude Turpentine	11

Receipts same day last year—56 casks spirits turpentine, 291 bbls rosin, 119 bbls tar, 70 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6⅛c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅛	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5⅛	" "
Low Middling	6⅛	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	6 13-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅝c.

Receipts—1,387 bales; same day last year, 443.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2 25; six inch, $3.50 to 3 50; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Dec. 25, 1896.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
7,195	582	5,309	3,715	216

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Dec. 27, 1895.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
4,713	467	3,600	1,463	118

EXPORTS.

For week ended Dec. 25, 1896.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	251	255	158	696	299
Foreign	10,323	0.0	100	000	000
	10,574	255	158	696	299

EXPORTS.

For week ended Dec. 27, 1895.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	1,533	887	215	2,006	218
Foreign	9,679	0.0	6,500	000	000
	11,212	887	6,735	2,006	218

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 25, 1896.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	12,890	1,581	14,471
Spirits	1,263	488	1,751
Rosin	27,477	724	28,191
Tar	5,310	341	5,651
Crude	319	00	319

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 27, 1895.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
21,743	3,541	22,906	10,617	469

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 24—Evening.—Money on call to-day easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for sixty days and 487¼ for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Government bonds firm; United States coupon fours 111; United States twos 95; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 102¾; North Carolina sixes 120. Railroad bonds lower.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was steady.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 24—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7⅛c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady, December 6 81, January 6 83, February 6 91, March 7 00, April 7 08, May 7 15, June 7 20, July 7 24, August 7 26, September and October 7 00. Sales 103,500 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1 321 bales; gross 2 624 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 570 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 429 bales; forwarded 382 bales; sales 100 bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock 289 044 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 45 249 bales; exports to Great Britain 46 046 bales; to France 9,100 bales; to the Continent 6 079 bales, stock 1,284,985 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 927 499 bales; exports to Great Britain 127,146 bales; to France 40,728 bales; to the Continent 50,165 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 661,778 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,750,050 bales; exports to France 389 813 bales; exports to the Continent 1,006,204 bales.

Flour—market dull and unchanged; Southern flour was dull and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot quiet and firmer; free on board 93¾c; ungraded red 80c@$1 00; options were fairly active and firm at ⅜@¾c advance; No 2 red December 90c; January 89⅛c; May 87⅜c. Corn—spot quiet and firmer; No. 2 29⅛c at elevator and 30⅛c afloat, options were dull and firm at ⅛@⅛c advance; December and January 29⅛c; May 31⅛c. Oats—spot quiet and firm; options dull but steady; December 23⅛c; January 23c; May 24⅛c; spot—No. 2 23⅛c; No. 2 white 25c; mixed Western 21@24c. Lard was easy, with a moderate demand; Western steam $4 05; city $3 63½; December $4 05, nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 40; South America $4 75; compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork steady; demand better; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter was quiet; State dairy 10@18c; do. creamery 14@21c; Western creamer 14@22c; Elgins 23c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania 21@24; ice house 15@18c; Western fresh 20@28c; do. per case $2 00@4 00; Southern 21@23c; limed 15@15½c. Cotton seed oil dull but steady; crude 20c; yellow prime 23c. Rice in fair demand, firm and unchanged, Molasses firm and unchanged. Peanuts quiet. Coffee irregular and 15@20 points up; December $9 55@9 60; March $9 60@9 65; May $9 60@9 65 spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $10 00. Sugar—raw active and easier; fair refining 2 13-16c; refined dull and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cash quotations: Flour dull steady, unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 78@78⅛c; No. 2 red 89⅛c. Corn—No. 2 22⅛@22c. Oats—No. 2 17⅛c. Mess pork, $6 70@6 75. Lard $3 70@3 72½. Short rib sides $3 75@$3 95. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $4 00@4 12½. Whiskey $1 18 for high-proof spirits.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest closing: Wheat—December 78@78¾, 78¼, 78, 78⅛; May 81⅛@81⅛, 81⅛, 81⅛, 81⅛c; July 75⅞, 76⅛, 75⅛, 75⅛c. Corn—December 22⅛, 22⅛, 22⅛, 22⅛; January 22⅛@22⅛, 22⅛@22⅛, 22⅛@22⅛, 22⅛@22⅛c; May 25⅜, 25⅜@25⅛, 25⅛, 25⅛@25⅛c. Oats—December 16⅛, 16⅛, 16⅛, 16⅛c; May 20, 20, 19⅛, 20c. Pork—January $7 60, 7 60, 7 55, 7 57½; May $7 90, 7 92½, 7 85, 7 90. Lard—January $3 80, 3 80, 3 77½, 3 77½; May $4 00, 4 00, 3 97½, 4 00. Short ribs—January $3 82½, 3 82½, 3 77½, 3 80; May $4 00, 4 00, 3 97½, 3 97½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat inactive; spot 93@93½c; May 88¾@89c; Southern by sample 93@93c; do on grade 88¼@93½c. Corn steady; spot 28¼@28⅜c; year 27¼@27⅜c; January 27¼@27⅜c; February 27⅝@27⅝c; March 28⅛@28¼c; Southern white corn 22½@27⅜c; do yellow 23¼@27⅜c. Oats steady to firm; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 22½@23c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

December 24—Galveston, quiet at 6¾, net receipts 6 916 bales; Norfolk, steady at 6¾, net receipts 4 176 bales; Baltimore, quiet at 7⅛, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 7⅛, net receipts 1,436 bales Wilmington, firm at 6 7 16 receipts 1,387 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 1,619 bales. Savannah, quiet at 6 9-16, net receipts 4 991 bales, New Orleans, quiet at 6¾, net receipts 13,889 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6¾, net receipts 1 566 bales; Memphis, steady at 6 13 16, net receipts 3,203 bales; Augusta, steady at 6 13 16, net receipts 1 340 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6 9-16, net receipts 4,758 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, demand fair and prices favor buyers. American middling 3 13 32d. Sales 12,000 bales, of which 11,100 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 5 000 bales, of which 4 800 were American. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate. December 3 61-64d; December and January 3 57 64d; January and February 3 57 64@3 56 64d; February and March 3 57 64@3 58 64@3 57 64d; March and April 3 58 64@3 57 64d; April and May 3 59 64d, May and June 3 59 64d; June and July 3 60-64d; July and August 3 61 64@3 60 64d. Futures quiet.

Tenders at to-day's clearings 100 bales new docket and 700 bales old docket.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—12.45 P. M.—Cotton, American low middling and lower grades 1 32d lower. Other spot grades unchanged. American fair 4¾d; good middling 4 3 32d; middling 4 1-32d; low middling 3 29-32d; good ordinary 3 25 32d; ordinary 3 19 32d.

4 P. M.—American middling (mc) December 3 60 64@3 61 64d seller; December and January 3 58-64d; January and February 3 57 64d; February and March 3 57 64d; March and April 3 57-64@3 58 64d seller; April and May 3 58 64d; May and June 3 59-64d seller; June and July 3 59 64@3 60 64d; July and August 3 60-64@3 61 64d; August and September 3 58 61@3 59 64d. Futures closed quiet but steady.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—The following are the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales of the week 65,000 bales, American 62,000, trade takings, including forwarded from ships' side, 71,000; actual exports 6,000; total imports 133,000; American 106,000; total stocks 912 000; American 768,000; total afloat 367,000; American 360,000; speculators took 1,700; exporters took 1 700.

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EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

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Your mother's prayer for you tonight—
'Teach me, dear God, to love thee much
And do the right.' "

Not then I knew the words—ah, me!
I since have learned on life's rough road
That they alone are truly safe
Who do love God,
For everywhere, on every side,
I see the shackled human soul,
Driven by passion, want and wrong
Whither the wheels of fate swift roll.

And, oh, the sight is fraught with pain,
The bruised and bleeding throngs of men,
Who rightly are the sons of God,
And o'er my lips and o'er again
There surges that sweet mother prayer,
From mother lips long hid from sight—
"Teach us, O God, to love thee much
And do the right."
—Mattae Bonner in Philadelphia Press.

THE COFFEEPOT.

"Did you think of it, dear?" my wife asked me one morning over the breakfast table. "Father's birthday is day after tomorrow. What present are we to give him this year? Have you made up your mind?"

I was deeply interested in my paper, reading the report of our latest cause celebre, a murder trial, and not paying any attention to her remarks. I answered absentmindedly:

"Ten years state's prison."

"W-h-a-t?" a startled expression coming into her eyes. "Drop that nonsense," she retorted hotly, "and give me a sensible answer if you can."

I put the paper away and looked up, noticing for the first time that she was in a temper and remembering the foolish remark I had made.

"Pardon me, darling," I begged remorsefully. "You know well enough that I couldn't have meant the words in good earnest. I was so very deeply engrossed in the district attorney's address to the jury that I became somewhat confused. Overlook it and be friends. But to the point. What are we to give the old gentleman? A nice pocketbook?"

"Would that not be like throwing out an indelicate hint?" she replied, somewhat pacified.

"H'm! I don't know. Well, then, how about a morning cap of red, white and black, with a large tassel?"

"He has one."

"Or a comfortable house coat?"

"No, no! I tell you what, a 'self actor machine,'" she exclaimed triumphantly; "just the thing!"

"A what?" I queried, shaking my head incredulously. "Heaven defend us! What kind of a thing did you say? And what in the world is he to do with it?"

"You know, dear"—Anna was all excitement now—"how fond father is of good coffee; how he scolds the cook for not making the beverage to his liking. What does she know about making coffee anyway? Not long since I saw in Mrs. Faber's house a newly invented self actor extraction coffee and tea machine. I tell you that is exactly what father wants."

"So that is it! A coffee machine! I thought it was a sewing machine or some such thing. What did you call it? A self actor extraction and so forth machine? What a monstrous name! How dreadful!"

"But practical, unspeakably practical, I tell you. You pour the water into the boiler and then some coffee into a little bowl above. Then you light the alcohol beneath. The heated water is by means of a glass tube led from the boiler into the bowl. The boiler's weight diminishes as the water lessens. The latter therefore raises itself a trifle, thus releasing a spring attached to the cover of the alcohol lamp, which falls upon the lamp and extinguishes the flame. Do you understand?"

"Not the least bit!" was my energetic response. But my wife went on as though it mattered little whether I understood or whether I did not understand:

"And as soon as the boiler has cooled off the beverage in the bowl, as the result of the pressure of the outer air—do you understand, now?"

"No!" I exclaimed more energetically than before, but with the selfsame result, for my better half kept on just as if I had replied "Yes" instead of "No!"

"As the result of the pressure of the outer air the now ready coffee runs by means of a sieve and the identical tube back into the boiler below. Then you can empty it into cups at your convenience," she concluded deliberately. "I find that a wonderfully simple procedure."

"Yes, surprisingly simple, my dear," I said doubtingly. "See here, wifey, I think I shall have to take another course in physiology and technology before I would be equal to comprehending the raising of the tube by air pressure and the dropping of the lamp cover as the result of the escape of heated water. And you really intend giving such a what do you call it machine as a present to your father? I am quite sure I don't care, but I bet your father will be displeased, simply because he will not be able to make head or tail of so complicated a thing."

"You have always fault to find with my propositions," she pouted sensitively. "Always. But I take the bet. What is it to be for—a kiss?"

"A kiss! As though an everyday affair like that were an object for a wager."

My wife laid the index finger of her right hand on to her little nose, her favorite attitude when in a reflective mood.

"The other day," she said, "I noticed a splendid brooch in S.'s show window; just the thing."

"And I a rocking chair at F.'s, such as I always longed to possess," I added. "It is a bargain. Rocking chair against brooch! If your what do you call it machine does its duty, you will get your brooch; if not, you are bound to buy me the chair. Shake on it!"

"All right," my wife acquiesced in a triumphant tone.

She really purchased the extraction machine, which, to judge from appearances, was a pretty, neat and brightly polished little affair. The birthday arrived, and we solemnly assembled in her father's house and handed him the present, but he looked rather surprised.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed. "Just look at this! A filtering machine. Did you ever? I must confess I like the idea, for our city water is not very clear, and the supply is poor. It may come in handy."

"What are you talking about, my dear father?" my Anna interrupted excitedly and in an almost angry tone. "You do not really mean to say that you think our love is so trifling as to buy you a filtering apparatus for a birthday present?"

The old man looked from one to the other of us, embarrassed.

"God forbid," he said feelingly, "that I should think so ill of my dear children, but perhaps—yes, I know, that's it; one of the newly invented patent electric night lamps, eh?"

I grinned. Anna looked daggers at me.

"It is a new coffee machine, father, dear," said my wife's sister Fannie, whose head is always full of mischief. "You throw the beans in one side, and 'cafe au lait' already made flows out on the other. Plain as daylight."

"Fannie, my child," said I, with all the dignity I could muster, "please go and bring some hot water and the necessary ground coffee and give us a chance to demonstrate to father the utility of this wonderful machine."

Fannie did so. In the meantime the old man walked several times around the table, shaking his silvery locks and casting suspicious glances at the complicated thing before him. He looked positively frightened.

"Say, Otto," turning to me with an anxious face, "I hope that thing will not explode. We read every day dreadful stories about these new fangled patents in the papers. Please be careful, children, I beg of you."

"Why, father, the whole proceeding is so very simple," my wife pleaded, defending her present. "Just read what it says here! I take the water," taking the vessel with the hot water from Fannie, "and pour it into the boiler like this—see, just so. Aw!" she suddenly cried out. She had scalded her fingers.

It was my turn now. "Please step aside," I said, going up to the table. "Let me try. You will injure yourself worse with your experimenting. Hand me the water, Fannie. That's it. Thank you, dear! And now I'll light the lamp. Zounds, the stuff won't burn!"

"It is prepared noninflammable alcohol for medicinal purposes," said father.

"Well, then, send for some that will burn," I cried, out of patience, after I had wasted a dozen or so matches in the vain attempt to ignite the lamp.

"I know what I am going to do. I am going to sacrifice my bottle of eau de cologne," Fannie exclaimed magnanimously. "What is the difference!"

She ran off and pretty soon returned with the odorous fluid, emptying it into the lamp after I had poured out the "medicated" alcohol.

The cologne burned all right, and pretty soon a low, melodious singing could be heard, showing that the machine was beginning to do its work. My wife's countenance was all aglow. Now she was happy; only father looked still anxiouslike and worried.

"Children, better not go near it," he admonished. "Only yesterday three little girls were terribly scalded, you know."

Pretty soon the steam seethed inside the machine, the cover fell upon the lamp and the flame was extinguished. I looked sideways at my wife with a grin.

"According to the recipe," I said maliciously, "the coffee ought to be done now, but I fail to smell the usual aroma. Do you?"

Just then the water in the boiler began seething and bubbling stronger, and a stream of water shot out of the latter into the glass tube and thence into the bowl on top.

"My, how nice!" exclaimed my little 8-year-old brother-in-law Fred gleefully. "For all the world like a waterfall!"

My wife was disgusted. She turned pale from subdued excitement and anger. "What can this mean?" she said. "Something must be wrong!"

"I think your self actor extraction machine is suffering from internal troubles. There is altogether too much internal business," I ventured to remark dryly. "I dare say you are beginning to make up your mind where the best rocking chairs are for sale. Eh, dear?"

My wife looked as if she were considering whether it would be the better policy to fall in a fainting fit into my arms or to declare herself vanquished and pay the bet, while her father continued shaking his head until the tassel on the top of his cap swung to and fro like a pendulum.

"Well," he at last remarked, "this is the funniest apparatus I ever saw. Where is the coffee?" when suddenly Fannie, in her usual impulsive way, cried:

"What a set of fools we all are! We forgot all about putting some in."

Sure enough. A napkin had been accidentally thrown over the ground coffee brought in by Fannie, and during the prevailing excitement of expectancy nobody had given it a thought.

My wife was delighted. Her machine was to be redeemed, after all. After favoring me with another annihilating look the second act of the drama began. Not a single word was spoken. We were awaiting developments.

Again the seething and bubbling sound, and even the aroma of steaming coffee filled the room. The brown fluid could be seen passing through the tube, and exclamations of surprise and gratification escaped the lips of those present. Anna was all smiles and sunshine.

"I trust," she said to me mischievously, "that you have not forgotten the address where to buy that brooch we were talikng about yesterday."

Even father nodded satisfied and pleasantly.

"This is a practice machine," he mused complacently, pouring out the first cup of the brown beverage, "and what an aroma, but rather an odd sort of smell. Strange, isn't it? What does it smell like?"

The old man lifted the cup to his lips and tasted the contents. With a jerk he set it down again upon the table, making a wry face.

"I'll be— I ask your pardon, but that stuff has a positively wicked taste. Monstrous, abominable, fie! What the dickens does it taste like?"

He expectorated several times and pressed his hands to his stomach as if nauseated.

"Just like eau de colonge, father," I suggested, "a very agreeable smell, don't you think? A trifle odd when taken with coffee, but you will undoubtedly get used to the taste when you once become familiar with the machine."

"For shame, husband," said my wife, "how mean of you! Undoubtedly Fannie has accidentally spilled a drop of eau de cologne into the boiler while filling the lamp. Where is the harm? It is a bit unpleasant, it is true, but that is all there is to it. We will have to try again, for the machine works all right. Of that we ought to be convinced now."

"Hold!" objected father, lifting his hand with a protesting gesture toward the coffee machine. "No more of this monkey business! I would rather that Anna make us all a cup of coffee now in the old fashioned way, and later you may continue your experiments as long as you like. The machine is just splendid, children," he continued, "and I thank you heartily for your thoughtfulness in giving it to me, but there is something strange and odd about it to which I must get used first, and that takes time for a man of my age."

"Before we go any further with it," I added, "let us tell the girl to give it a thorough cleaning. Lottie"—to the cook—"take this machine into the kitchen and scald lamp and boiler with hot water and soda or some such stuff."

The girl went off with her burden. Shortly afterward we were startled by a loud report, followed by frightened screams from the kitchen and by a sound of falling and breaking pieces. Something told me that again it was that ill fated machine. I opened the kitchen door. Sure enough, the girl in a dark corner had stumbled with her burden, and the self actor extraction coffee and tea machine lay broken on the floor. The poor, frightened girl sobbed. Fannie scolded, my wife wrung her hands in despair, I bit my lips underneath my bushy mustache, and father looked pleased and relieved.

"Never mind, children," he said. "It is best so. I take this for a sign from above. Providence has interfered. I am conservative in my ideas, and am therefore not overfond of the present era of machinery. Stop crying, girl"—this to the cook—"and brew a good cup of coffee for my company. And now no more about the matter. I do not wish to have my birthday spoiled."

"How about our bet, Anna?" I asked my wife.

"You have lost that," she quickly responded. "The machine was in perfect order if only"—

"Yes, if only it had not been so imperfect! No, my dear, this time you have lost and not I. You had better get ready to go for my rocking chair!"

"What bet are you quarreling about, you two?" asked the old man.

I told him all, and called on him to decide who had won.

"Both of you," was his diplomatic opinion, which created another controversy between Anna and myself. Meanwhile Lottie appeared with the coffee, made in "old fashioned" style, and the conversation became general.

On the following morning, however, there appeared a messenger in our dwelling, delivering a rocking chair for me, a splendid piece of furniture, by the way, and exactly five minutes later another messenger came, bringing a brooch for my wife, a veritable little gem. To each of the two presents was fastened father's visiting card with the inscription, "This is my revenge for jeopardizing my life with your self actor extraction coffee and tea machine!"

"Say," I remarked to my wife, comfortably stretching myself in the new rocking chair, "you seem to have been in the right, after all, for your self and so forth machine has proved itself to be very practical indeed—in its results."

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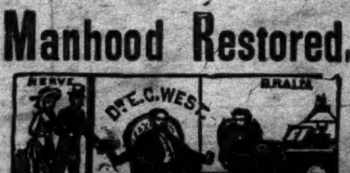

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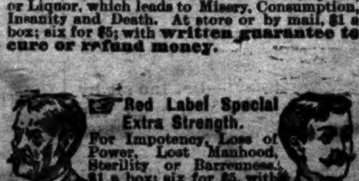

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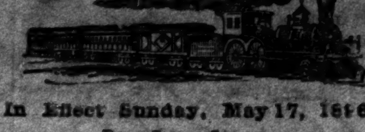

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Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.31 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

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Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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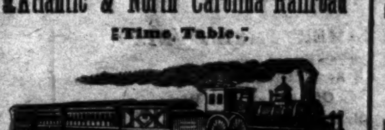

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston..........	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 17
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lve	7 10 a. m
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 10 "
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 53 "	Lv......Sanford......Lv	1 00 p. m
12 41 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
10 53 "	Lv...Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 53 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton......Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15, MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16, MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar......Ramseur......Lv	6 45 a. m
4 15 "	Lv.......Climax.......Lv	8 35 "
3 30 "	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED, daily ex sun
Leave Greensboro............	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale............	10 47 "
Arrive Madison..............	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15, MIXED, daily ex sun
Leave Madison...............	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale............	1 23 "
Arrive Greensboro...........	2 40 "

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APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 41	No 403
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 1?	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 5?	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 52
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
Arrive Lincolnton	"		P. M. 12 55
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. † 9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4?	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. † 5 36
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	A. M.
" Monroe	"	9 05	*10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
" Clinton	"	11 58	P. M. 1 30
" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 22	2 56
" Elberton	"	2 25	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 1?
" Atlanta	"	5 2?	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	E. & N.	P. M. 4 10	
" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. * 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C	A. M. † 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.		P. M. * 3 30
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M.	6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
" Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M. 1 0?	
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	P. M. * 5 20	A. M. * 7 20
" Norfolk	"	5 00	7 30
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	* 6 40	* 6 40
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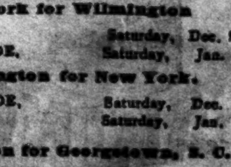

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'Come, Curly Head, 'tis eventide.
The birds are sleeping, closed the flowers,
And you are weary, little one,
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Come, fold your hands and whisper low
Your mother's prayer for you tonight—
'Teach me, dear God, to love thee much
And do the right.' "

Not then I knew the words—ah, me!
I since have learned on life's rough road
That they alone are truly safe
Who do love God,
For everywhere, on every side,
I see the shackled human soul,
Driven by passion, want and wrong
Whither the wheels of fate swift roll.

And, oh, the sight is fraught with pain,
The bruised and bleeding throngs of men,
Who rightly are the sons of God,
And o'er my lips and o'er again
There surges that sweet mother prayer,
From mother lips long hid from sight—
"Teach us, O God, to love thee much
And do the right."

—Mattae Bonner in Philadelphia Press.

THE COFFEEPOT.

"Did you think of it, dear?" my wife asked me one morning over the breakfast table. "Father's birthday is day after tomorrow. What present are we to give him this year? Have you made up your mind?"

I was deeply interested in my paper, reading the report of our latest cause celebre, a murder trial, and not paying any attention to her remarks. I answered absentmindedly:

"Ten years state's prison."

"W-h-a-t?" a startled expression coming into her eyes. "Drop that nonsense," she retorted hotly, "and give me a sensible answer if you can."

I put the paper away and looked up, noticing for the first time that she was in a temper and remembering the foolish remark I had made.

"Pardon me, darling," I begged remorsefully. "You know well enough that I couldn't have meant the words in good earnest. I was so very deeply engrossed in the district attorney's address to the jury that I became somewhat confused. Overlook it and be friends. But to the point. What are we to give the old gentleman? A nice pocketbook?"

"Would that not be like throwing out an indelicate hint?" she replied, somewhat pacified.

"H'm! I don't know. Well, then, how about a morning cap of red, white and black, with a large tassel?"

"He has one."

"Or a comfortable house coat?"

"No, no! I tell you what, a 'self actor machine,'" she exclaimed triumphantly; "just the thing!"

"A what?" I queried, shaking my head incredulously. "Heaven defend us! What kind of a thing did you say? And what in the world is he to do with it?"

"You know, dear"—Anna was all excitement now—"how fond father is of good coffee; how he scolds the cook for not making the beverage to his liking. What does she know about making coffee anyway? Not long since I saw in Mrs. Faber's house a newly invented self actor extraction coffee and tea machine. I tell you that is exactly what father wants."

"So that is it! A coffee machine! I thought it was a sewing machine or some such thing. What did you call it? A self actor extraction and so forth machine? What a monstrous name! How dreadful!"

"But practical, unspeakably practical, I tell you. You pour the water into the boiler and then some coffee into a little bowl above. Then you light the alcohol beneath. The heated water is by means of a glass tube led from the boiler into the bowl. The boiler's weight diminishes as the water lessens. The latter therefore raises itself a trifle, thus releasing a spring attached to the cover of the alcohol lamp, which falls upon the lamp and extinguishes the flame. Do you understand?"

"Not the least bit!" was my energetic response. But my wife went on as though it mattered little whether I understood or whether I did not understand:

"And as soon as the boiler has cooled off the beverage in the bowl, as the result of the pressure of the outer air—do you understand, now?"

"No!" I exclaimed more energetically than before, but with the selfsame result, for my better half kept on just as if I had replied "Yes" instead of "No!"

"As the result of the pressure of the outer air the now ready coffee runs by means of a sieve and the identical tube back into the boiler below. Then you can empty it into cups at your convenience," she concluded deliberately. "I find that a wonderfully simple procedure."

"Yes, surprisingly simple, my dear," I said doubtingly. "See here, wifey, I think I shall have to take another course in physiology and technology before I would be equal to comprehending the raising of the tube by air pressure and the dropping of the lamp cover as the result of the escape of heated water. And you really intend giving such a what do you call it machine as a present to your father? I am quite sure I don't care, but I bet your father will be displeased, simply because he will not be able to make head or tail of so complicated a thing."

"You have always fault to find with my propositions," she pouted sensitively. "Always. But I take the bet. What is it to be for—a kiss?"

"A kiss! As though an everyday affair like that were an object for a wager."

My wife laid the index finger of her right hand on to her little nose, her favorite attitude when in a reflective mood.

"The other day," she said, "I noticed a splendid brooch in S.'s show window; just the thing."

"And I a rocking chair at F.'s, such as I always longed to possess," I added. "It is a bargain. Rocking chair against brooch! If your what do you call it machine does its duty, you will get your brooch; if not, you are bound to buy me the chair. Shake on it!"

"All right," my wife acquiesced in a triumphant tone.

She really purchased the extraction machine, which, to judge from appearances, was a pretty, neat and brightly polished little affair. The birthday arrived, and we solemnly assembled in her father's house and handed him the present, but he looked rather surprised.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed. "Just look at this! A filtering machine. Did you ever? I must confess I like the idea, for our city water is not very clear, and the supply is poor. It may come in handy."

"What are you talking about, my dear father?" my Anna interrupted excitedly and in an almost angry tone. "You do not really mean to say that you think our love is so trifling as to buy you a filtering apparatus for a birthday present?"

The old man looked from one to the other of us, embarrassed.

"God forbid," he said feelingly, "that I should think so ill of my dear children, but perhaps—yes, I know, that's it; one of the newly invented patent electric night lamps, eh?"

I grinned. Anna looked daggers at me.

"It is a new coffee machine, father, dear," said my wife's sister Fannie, whose head is always full of mischief. "You throw the beans in one side, and 'cafe au lait' already made flows out on the other. Plain as daylight."

"Fannie, my child," said I, with all the dignity I could muster, "please go and bring some hot water and the necessary ground coffee and give us a chance to demonstrate to father the utility of this wonderful machine."

Fannie did so. In the meantime the old man walked several times around the table, shaking his silvery locks and casting suspicious glances at the complicated thing before him. He looked positively frightened.

"Say, Otto," turning to me with an anxious face, "I hope that thing will not explode. We read every day dreadful stories about these new fangled patents in the papers. Please be careful, children, I beg of you."

"Why, father, the whole proceeding is so very simple," my wife pleaded, defending her present. "Just read what it says here! I take the water," taking the vessel with the hot water from Fannie, "and pour it into the boiler like this—see, just so. Aw!" she suddenly cried out. She had scalded her fingers.

It was my turn now. "Please step aside," I said, going up to the table. "Let me try. You will injure yourself worse with your experimenting. Hand me the water, Fannie. That's it. Thank you, dear! And now I'll light the lamp. Zounds, the stuff won't burn!"

"It is prepared noninflammable alcohol for medicinal purposes," said father.

"Well, then, send for some that will burn," I cried, out of patience, after I had wasted a dozen or so matches in the vain attempt to ignite the lamp.

"I know what I am going to do. I am going to sacrifice my bottle of eau de cologne," Fannie exclaimed magnanimously. "What is the difference!"

She ran off and pretty soon returned with the odorous fluid, emptying it into the lamp after I had poured out the "medicated" alcohol.

The cologne burned all right, and pretty soon a low, melodious singing could be heard, showing that the machine was beginning to do its work. My wife's countenance was all aglow. Now she was happy; only father looked still anxiouslike and worried.

"Children, better not go near it," he admonished. "Only yesterday three little girls were terribly scalded, you know."

Pretty soon the steam seethed inside the machine, the cover fell upon the lamp and the flame was extinguished. I looked sideways at my wife with a grin.

"According to the recipe," I said maliciously, "the coffee ought to be done now, but I fail to smell the usual aroma. Do you?"

Just then the water in the boiler began seething and bubbling stronger, and a stream of water shot out of the latter into the glass tube and thence into the bowl on top.

"My, how nice!" exclaimed my little 8-year-old brother-in-law Fred gleefully. "For all the world like a waterfall!"

My wife was disgusted. She turned pale from subdued excitement and anger. "What can this mean?" she said. "Something must be wrong!"

"I think your self actor extraction machine is suffering from internal troubles. There is altogether too much internal business," I ventured to remark dryly. "I dare say you are beginning to make up your mind where the best rocking chairs are for sale. Eh, dear?"

My wife looked as if she were considering whether it would be the better policy to fall in a fainting fit into my arms or to declare herself vanquished and pay the bet, while her father continued shaking his head until the tassel on the top of his cap swung to and fro like a pendulum.

"Well," he at last remarked, "this is the funniest apparatus I ever saw. Where is the coffee?" when suddenly Fannie, in her usual impulsive way, cried:

"What a set of fools we all are! We forgot all about putting some in."

Sure enough. A napkin had been accidentally thrown over the ground coffee brought in by Fannie, and during the prevailing excitement of expectancy nobody had given it a thought.

My wife was delighted. Her machine was to be redeemed, after all. After favoring me with another annihilating look the second act of the drama began. Not a single word was spoken. We were awaiting developments.

Again the seething and bubbling sound, and even the aroma of steaming coffee filled the room. The brown fluid could be seen passing through the tube, and exclamations of surprise and gratification escaped the lips of those present. Anna was all smiles and sunshine.

"I trust," she said to me mischievously, "that you have not forgotten the address where to buy that brooch we were talikng about yesterday."

Even father nodded satisfied and pleasantly.

"This is a practice machine," he mused complacently, pouring out the first cup of the brown beverage, "and what an aroma, but rather an odd sort of smell. Strange, isn't it? What does it smell like?"

The old man lifted the cup to his lips and tasted the contents. With a jerk he set it down again upon the table, making a wry face.

"I'll be— I ask your pardon, but that stuff has a positively wicked taste. Monstrous, abominable, fie! What the dickens does it taste like?"

He expectorated several times and pressed his hands to his stomach as if nauseated.

"Just like eau de colonge, father," I suggested, "a very agreeable smell, don't you think? A trifle odd when taken with coffee, but you will undoubtedly get used to the taste when you once become familiar with the machine."

"For shame, husband," said my wife, "how mean of you! Undoubtedly Fannie has accidentally spilled a drop of eau de cologne into the boiler while filling the lamp. Where is the harm? It is a bit unpleasant, it is true, but that is all there is to it. We will have to try again, for the machine works all right. Of that we ought to be convinced now."

"Hold!" objected father, lifting his hand with a protesting gesture toward the coffee machine. "No more of this monkey business! I would rather that Anna make us all a cup of coffee now in the old fashioned way, and later you may continue your experiments as long as you like. The machine is just splendid, children," he continued, "and I thank you heartily for your thoughtfulness in giving it to me, but there is something strange and odd about it to which I must get used first, and that takes time for a man of my age."

"Before we go any further with it," I added, "let us tell the girl to give it a thorough cleaning. Lottie"—to the cook—"take this machine into the kitchen and scald lamp and boiler with hot water and soda or some such stuff."

The girl went off with her burden. Shortly afterward we were startled by a loud report, followed by frightened screams from the kitchen and by a sound of falling and breaking pieces. Something told me that again it was that ill fated machine. I opened the kitchen door. Sure enough, the girl in a dark corner had stumbled with her burden, and the self actor extraction coffee and tea machine lay broken on the floor. The poor, frightened girl sobbed. Fannie scolded, my wife wrung her hands in despair, I bit my lips underneath my bushy mustache, and father looked pleased and relieved.

"Never mind, children," he said. "It is best so. I take this for a sign from above. Providence has interfered. I am conservative in my ideas, and am therefore not overfond of the present era of machinery. Stop crying, girl"—this to the cook—"and brew a good cup of coffee for my company. And now no more about the matter. I do not wish to have my birthday spoiled."

"How about our bet, Anna?" I asked my wife.

"You have lost that," she quickly responded. "The machine was in perfect order if only"—

"Yes, if only it had not been so imperfect! No, my dear, this time you have lost and not I. You had better get ready to go for my rocking chair!"

"What bet are you quarreling about, you two?" asked the old man.

I told him all, and called on him to decide who had won.

"Both of you," was his diplomatic opinion, which created another controversy between Anna and myself. Meanwhile Lottie appeared with the coffee, made in "old fashioned" style, and the conversation became general.

On the following morning, however, there appeared a messenger in our dwelling, delivering a rocking chair for me, a splendid piece of furniture, by the way, and exactly five minutes later another messenger came, bringing a brooch for my wife, a veritable little gem. To each of the two presents was fastened father's visiting card with the inscription, "This is my revenge for jeopardizing my life with your self actor extraction coffee and tea machine!"

"Say," I remarked to my wife, comfortably stretching myself in the new rocking chair, "you seem to have been in the right, after all, for your self and so forth machine has proved itself to be very practical indeed—in its results."

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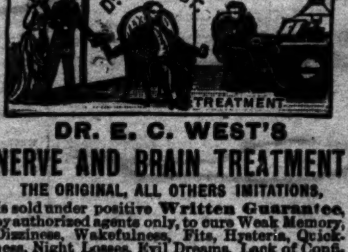

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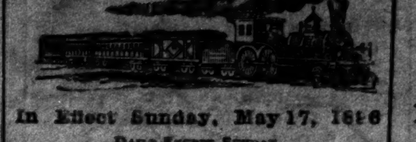

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND *6	NORTH BOUND ‡8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND ‡7	SOUTH BOUND *5
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	8 25
9 50		Ar..Jacksonville......Lv		12 15
11 00	3 58	Lv " ...Ar	10 42	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv...Maysville........Lv	10 09	9 18
12 20	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville.....Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 2	Ar...Newbern.........Lv	9 20	8 10
	P M		A M	

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DEC. 13, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.48 p m, Rocky Mount 1.30 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.39 p m, Petersburg 5.32 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.32 a m, Richmond 4.20 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.14 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.27 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.03 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.03 a m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rock Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.12 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.50 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.20 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m. Arrive Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9.42 a m, Rowland 10.00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2.25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.55 a m, 9.40 a m and 8.00 p m, arrive Darlington 9.28 a m, 10.20 a m and 8.20 p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m, leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 4.45 p m and 5.15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.31 p m. Leave Darlington 7.45 p m, 6.27 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6.55 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9.25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6.45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 p m, Manning 6.53 p m, arrive Lane's 7.37 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.30 a m, Creston 5.21 a m, arrive Denmark 6.20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4.37 p m, Creston 5.32 p m, Sumter 6.30 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3.50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 8.30 p m.

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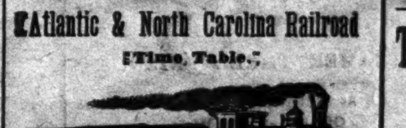

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston..........	10 33	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 17
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar... Wilmington ...Lve	7 10 a. m.
4 35 "	Lv... Fayetteville ...Ar	11 10 "
4 18 "	Ar... Fayetteville ...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 37 "
2 55 "	Lv.... Sanford Lv	1 09 p. m.
12 41 "	Lv.....Climax......Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
10 23 "	Lv...Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 55 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv.....Maxton.....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15, MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16, MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar....Ramseur....Lv	6 45 a. m.
4 15 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	8 35 "
3 20 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Greensboro........................	9 35 a. m.
Leave Stokesdale........................	10 17 "
Arrive Madison........................	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 16, MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Madison........................	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale........................	1 23 "
Arrive Greensboro........................	2 40 "

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Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
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" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
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" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
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Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C	A. M † 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
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EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. * 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 55
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Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
" Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M 1 0	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L	P. M * 5 50	A. M. * 7 20
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
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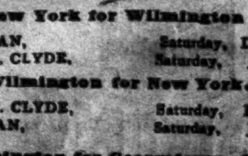

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1896

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton was unchanged, with sales of 100 bales for export. Middling uplands 7⅛c against 7⅜c last year.

There was more skylarking than trading on the Cotton Exchange to-day. The speculation, what there was of it, was of an evening character and prices showed very little change. The floor committee set aside all rules for the day and allowed smoking during business hours. President Hopkins cabled the Cotton Association as follows: "Compliments of the season to officers and members of your Association."

President Ostrichs cabled the following answer: "We all heartily reciprocate your good wishes."

The receipts at the ports to-day were considered liberal and the receipts next week are thought to be full. The port receipts this week are estimated at 305,000 bales, against 331,000 last week and 230 000 last year. The interior receipts for the week are estimated at 150 000 bales, against 188 000 last week and 118,000 last year. The quantity to come into sight is estimated at 850,000 to 860,000 bales.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Closed Firm and Higher—Corn, Oats and Pork Products Steady.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO December 24.—May wheat opened from 81⅛ to 81⅝@81⅜c, sold between 81⅛ and 81⅞c, closing at the top—⅛@⅜c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and ⅛@1c higher.

May corn opened at 25⅝c, sold between 25⅝@25⅛ and 25⅛c, closing at the outside—a shade over yesterday. Cash corn was easy, with prices unchanged.

May oats opened at 20c, sold at 19⅞c, closing at 20c—a shade over yesterday. The narrowness of the range speaks for the dullness of the trade. Cash oats were steady to ⅛@⅛c per bushel lower.

Provisions—Steadiness prevailed in product, the feeling being derived from the hog market. The trade was occasionally moderate, but more frequently dull and inactive. No feature developed and prices changed but little. At the close May pork and lard were each a shade higher and May ribs a shade lower.

GREATER NEW YORK.

Draft of the Charter Completed and Announced to the Public.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The preliminary draft of the new charter for the Greater New York has been completed and was made public to-day. The commission before submitting the charter to the Legislature will hold public hearings from January 4 to 16. The preliminary charter divides the city into five boroughs—Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Richmond and Queens. The central government of the city will be in the hands of a municipal assemby consisting of two houses, a lower house of 104 members elected from senatorial districts and an upper house of 37 members elected from council districts created by the charter. There will be one mayor but each of the five boroughs will have a president to care for local concerns, and there will be twenty-two local boards, one for each senatorial district.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE

At Blue Island, Illinois—Caused by a Continued Run of Two Days.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A continued run of two days made upon the Calumet State Bank at Blue Island, Ill., forced its officers to close their doors to-day. Shortly after noon an assignment was made by the bank in the county court, the assignee being Melville C. Eames, the vice president. The deed of assignment gives the assets as $87,669 and the liabilities as $68 000. The officers attribute the failure to the run, but say that little money, comparatively speaking, was drawn out. The deposits amount to about $60 000 and the assets consist largely of securities of debatable value.

"JACK THE RIPPER."

A Series of Tragedies Reported at Amsterdam, Holland.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 24.—A dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette* from Amsterdam says that a series of tragedies of the "Jack the Ripper" type are happening in that city. The body of a woman, with her throat cut and otherwise mutilated, was found in the streets this morning. The object of the crime was evidently not robbery, as a sum of money and a quantity of jewelry was found on the body.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 75. Spirits turpentine firm at 26⅞@27½c.

CHARLESTON, December 24.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $3 50.

SAVANNAH, December 24.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 25c; sales — casks; receipts 2,022 casks. Rosin firm; sales 5 000 barrels, receipts 4 755 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 45, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 85, M $1 95, N $2 00, W G $2 25, W W $2 75.

Treasury balances—coin, $121,454,-396; currency, $54,149 907.

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THE STATE OF TRADE.

DUN'S REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

The Outlook Not Hopeful at Present in the West—Reports of Railroad Earnings Are Not Cheering and Decline in Prices of Cotton Goods Is Disappointing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, say: The failure of two important banks, the second in size of business at Chicago, and the oldest at St. Paul, with some others dependent on them, closes not favorably a month which promised to end with only moderate commercial disasters. It does not lessen the effects of these failures that one was caused by enormous loans in aid of an electric railway and other concerns and that the other appears to have resulted from heavy ventures in unsalable real estate. Since several thousand business men and depositors are for the time embarrassed as much as the speculators that caused the trouble, the break-down is the reverse of hopeful at present, although it comes when money markets are well supplied and when no serious effect in business is to be apprehended. Other important events of the week are the failure of the billet and rail pools to find a basis for agreement and the somewhat general discharge of hands or reduction of wages in shoe manufactories. The holiday trade has been fair, but generally in articles of medium size. The reports of railroad earnings are not cheering and the aggregate for December thus far has been 4 5 per cent. less than last year, the Granger and other Western roads showing most decrease.

In cotton manufactures is further decline in some staple goods and takings by Northern spinners disappointingly light. Print cloths accumulate and prices do not advance. Raw cotton comes forward just as it did in other years when official and other stories of injury ended in great crops. Sales of wool are restricted by the general conviction that prices asked by interior holders cannot be realized, and there is considerable disposition to unload speculative purchases at seaboard markets. Most manufacturers have more wool than they have orders, and others meet as yet no satisfactory demand for goods. The volume of business, all branches considered, is not large.

Payments through Clearing Houses have been for the week 25 0 per cent. less than last year and for the month thus far the daily average is 9.8 per cent. less than last year.

Failures for the week have been 297 in the United States, against 322 last year, and 44 in Canada, against 40 last year.

HAVANA ADVICES.

An American Citizen, Correspondent of a New York Newspaper, Captured and Imprisoned by the Spaniards.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Enrique Delgado, who is described as an adjutant on the rebel general's staff, was captured in the prefecture of General Melbuizo, on December 15th. Yesterday he was brought to Havana and imprisoned in the San Ambroso Hospital. It is unknown whether he is wounded or sick. The American consulate has taken up the case and will submit it to the Government, as Delgado is an American citizen and came to Cuba as the correspondent of a New York evening newspaper. He denies that he was a rebel officer or that he took any part in the rebellion. He is known to many persons in Havana and elsewhere in Cuba, he at one time having been a purser in the employ of the New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Company.

A Spanish newspaper reporter says that when captured Delgado had in his possession a letter to the late Antonio Maceo, the rebel leader, who was killed recently near Punta Brava, and an order from Maceo to the rebel prefect of the district in which he was captured, directing the prefect to treat him with all the courtesy due his rank.

Capt. Nazario Castillo and eleven of his followers have surrendered at Callmate, province of Matanzas.

It is reported that the rebel leader Joran Rus died on the night of December 23d.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Henry Delgado, an American citizen, the news of whose capture and imprisonment in a Cuban hospital by Spanish troops was confirmed this morning, is a special correspondent of the *Mail and Express*, detailed two months ago to join the insurgent army in Pinar del Rio. The correspondent, who was landed in Cuba by one of the expeditions from this country, went strictly in his capacity as a news commissioner for the purpose of telling the news just as he found it. When he left here he carried letters of introduction to Maceo and to another Cuban General. When captured the letters were found on him, together with an order from Maceo to the prefect of Las Tumbas, commending the bearer to his consideration and courtesy. These documents could scarcely be regarded as incriminating.

Mr. Delgado reached Maceo's camp in the hills and in his quest for news tramped nearly two hundred miles. One of his ankles gave way and he was obliged to go to bed in one of the field hospitals. There he was taken, with several companions. He is now believed to be in Morro Castle.

Immediately upon learning these facts, the *Mail and Express* telegraphed to Secretary of State Olney, in Washington, and cabled to Consul General Lee, in Havana, asking that the legal rights of Mr. Delgado be regarded, and that if he has not already been shot, that the execution be stayed until it can be shown that his mission was not one of sympathy or intended participation with either side. The cable to Consul General Lee has probably been acted upon by Vice Consul Springer.

Mr. Delgado was born in this city and lived nearly all his life here and in Brooklyn.

STEAMER THREE FRIENDS.

The Alleged Filibuster Seized by Customs Officials at Key West.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., December 24.—The Three Friends arrived at this port tonight about 5 20 and was immediately taken in custody by customs officials. A thorough search was made of her and nothing of ammunition found on board. The captain states that since leaving Jacksonville he has been cruising among the Florida Keys. The tug was first sighted coming in the southwest channel.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

November Collections Show a Falling Off in Receipts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Internal revenue collections, shown by the monthly statement issued by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Bureau for November, have fallen off $237 357 for that month. The receipts for last November were $12,701,869. Whiskey receipts show the only notable increase for the month. For the last five months the increase from this source amounted to $1,401 599 and for November $185,211.

Extremely cold weather prevailed throughout lower Michigan Wednesday night; the mercury was from two to fifteen degrees below zero.

DARING TRAIN ROBBERS

ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO EXPRESS HELD UP AND PLUNDERED.

The Express Safe Rifled of Its Contents—The Amount Taken Will Not Exceed Two Thousand Dollars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 24.—Shortly after 9 o'clock last night a daring train robbery was committed just a mile east of Independence, Mo., near the famous Blue Cut, where several train robberies have occurred. The train robbed was the St. Louis and Chicago Express, which left Kansas City over the Chicago & Alton road at 8 45 o'clock last evening. When the Express stopped at Independence the robbers climbed aboard without having been seen by the train crew, concealing themselves on the blind baggage and engine tender.

When the train reached the bridge over the Mississippi Pacific tracks, about a mile from Independence, two of the robbers climbed into the cab of the locomotive, and covering the fireman and engineer with revolvers, commanded them to stop the train. When the passenger coaches had been cut off the engineer was ordered to go ahead, which he did. All the robbers had climbed up on the locomotive and Express and were soon speeding down the steep grade beyond the Blue Cut with the engine and Express car and Express Messenger A J. Frier, of St. Louis, a prisoner in the latter.

The bandits ran the section of the train they had cut off about two miles and stopped right in the old Glendale cut made famous as the scene of one of the James boys' robberies. Here they stopped and rifled the Express car. After completing their work they cut the engine loose and ran it to a point a mile east of Glendale, where they disabled the engine so that it could not be used and then deserted it.

ST. LOUIS, December 24.—The train arrived here at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon and Express Messenger Frier was interviewed by a reporter of the Southern Associated Press. He said that the big safe, which was consigned through from the Pacific coast to Chicago was not robbed. One of the robbers placed a gun at Frier's head and ordered him to throw up his hands. The robbers then secured the keys of the small safe from Frier's pocket and rifled the safe of its contents, consisting of a great deal of jewelry and a considerable amount of money. The robbers demanded that Frier operate the time lock on the big safe, but were finally persuaded by him that such an accomplishment was impossible, at which they began to drill a hole and prepare a dynamite stick. Frier argued with them that their efforts would be futile and the safe containing nothing of value, and finally he persuaded them to let it alone. Frier says that in the money secured from the small safe was a quantity of gold ten and twenty dollar pieces and that one of the men declared: "That's the kind of stuff we are after."

After the men had cleaned out the small safe they searched Frier's clothing and took all the money on his person. He demurred at this, and the leader of the gang tossed him a $2 00 bill saying, "Get yourself a drink for a Christmas present."

The robbers finally declared that they must skip out, as time was pressing, and jumping from the car, ran to the engine and started it down the track to a point about a mile below Glendale station, where they alighted and disappeared in the woods. When the passengers in the train learned that the express car was being robbed, they became greatly excited, but nobody ventured out of the cars. In the Pullman coach, which contained one lady and four gentlemen passengers, there was great confusion. The vestibules were locked and the shades drawn, while the passengers hid their money and jewelry in every conceivable place of safety.

From the familiar manner in which the express car was uncoupled and the locomotive handled, the express officials believe that the robbers were former railway employes and understood the nature of the train and the fact that it ordinarily carried a large amount of money in the express car. Messenger Frier insists that so far as he could see there were but three men engaged in the robbery, all of whom were masked and armed. Superintendent Williamson declares that the amount of money secured by the robbers is small, and at a wide estimate will not reach $2 000.

MURDERED BY SPANIARDS.

A Cuban Planter and His Seven-Year-Old Son.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Word was received in this city to-night of the murder by Spanish troops of Antonio Diaz, a planter, his son, seven years old, and Manuel Granados, of Casiguas. The letter giving details was received by a Cuban resident here who owns a farm near Jaruco, about twelve miles from Havana, and it came from his overseer, who announced that he had abandoned the farm, as his position entailed too great risk.

The letter tells of the death of Diaz, whose farm was in the neighborhood. The Spanish troops had frequently visited Diaz' place and had been treated well. Recently the Cubans who approached near the capital stopped at the farm and though Diaz was in sympathy with them he requested them to withdraw as it would bring suspicion upon him. They did so and Diaz' escape from injury at their hands was interpreted by the Spaniards as evidence that he was friendly with them. A troop of Spanish soldiers then visited the place and found Diaz ploughing in a field, his little son near him. They put both to death with the machetes. Then they ran across Manuel Granados, who had come to pay Diaz for some corn he had purchased. He was likewise dispatched, and $500 found on his person was appropriated.

FOR CUBAN LIBERTY.

A Mass Meeting of Sympathizers in New York City Last Night.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—A mass meeting for Cuban liberty was held tonight at Colonial Hall, under the auspices of the United Order of the Republic. Dr. Franklin Soper, who presided, explained the object of the meeting and introduced as the first speaker S. P. C. Henriques, formerly United States consul at Havana. Mr. Henriques said the charge that the insurgents were in the main an ignorant and uneducated class was untrue. He said he believed the report made to President Cleveland by Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was the only correct report of the condition of the affairs on the island made to this Government for many years, as the regular consul generals were generally property owners and suppressed or toned down the reports made by the consuls or consular agents.

Rafael Havarro, a Cuban, said the Cubans would not accept an arrangement for the granting of autonomy from Spain. The Cubans would fight for unconditional and absolute liberty until the last one of them was buried.

The Rev. Richard Hartley and the Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw also spoke.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The mercury at Utica, N. Y., yesterday was three degrees below zero. At Felton Chain it was eighteen degrees below zero.

The Columbia Club, known as the old Dixey Theatre building, Anderson, Ind., was burned yesterday, causing a total loss of $80,000.

Five men escaped from the county jail at Suffolk, Va., yesterday morning, but three were captured before they scaled the enclosing wall.

The employes of the vast interests controlled by the Carnegie Steel Company will receive the same wages during 1897 as they have the past year.

James Brown, aged 68, a farmer living near Millington, Mich., was fatally shot by robbers last night. The house was ransacked but no money was found.

Consul General Lee, Mrs. Lee and Miss Lee, after spending two hours in Tampa, left for Havana yesterday afternoon on the steamer Olivette.

Two thousand miners employed in the coal mines of Illinois struck for higher wages yesterday. The men have been working half time and not making living wages.

Ex-Congressman Hatch, of Missouri, died of Bright's disease after a long illness. He gained most of his prominence through his advocacy of the Anti-Option bill.

Philip M. Scheig, the teller who robbed the Bank of Minneapolis of over $100,000 three years ago and was captured in England, was pardoned yesterday by Gov. Clough.

Mayor Wurster, of Brooklyn, has granted a license to the Greater New York Athletic Club of Coney Island. Maher and O'Donnell meet there tomorrow afternoon.

There were two Christmas eve suicides in New York city. Mrs. Nellie Decarlo took three ounces of carbolic acid and died fifteen minutes afterward, and Julius Gies hanged himself.

Captain V. E. McBee, Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line, who secured a contract with Hon. W. J. Bryan to deliver a series of lectures, has sold his interest in the venture to an Eastern syndicate.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was given a continuous ovation at Chattanooga, Tenn. Curious crowds followed him at every turn, and his admirers claimed a monopoly of his time and attention while there.

Wenster's tobacco warehouse, a barroom and another building were destroyed by fire at Madison, N. C., yesterday morning. The loss aggregated several thousand dollars; partially covered by insurance.

The Norwegian barque Mizpa, at Hull from Savannah, Ga., encountered terrible weather during the voyage. Her decks were swept by the heavy seas and three of her crew were washed overboard and drowned.

The tone of the dry goods market is extremely dull, more so than is accounted for by mere holiday influences, and the tendency of prices in several directions in staple cottons is distinctly in favor of buyers.

A telegram from LaGrange, Ga., says that Douglass Cooper killed Claude Dunn there yesterday afternoon. The tragedy, which was unprovoked, occurred on the public square. Cooper fled and has not been captured.

Andrew J. Rogers, city chamberlain of Johnstown, N. Y., was arrested yesterday on complaint of Mayor Knox, who charged him with appropriating about $5 000 of the city's funds. He was subsequently released on $6,000 bail.

William C. Rauschkolb, clerk in the St. Louis, Mo., postoffice, was arrested Wednesday night for robbing the mail and on his person was found a rifled letter from which he had abstracted the money. Rauschkolb admitted his guilt.

Boston police officials state that George E Gage, senior member of the defunct brokerage firm of Gage & Fulton, is a fugitive from justice, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest charging him with the embezzlement of $4 000.

The grand jury of the Criminal Court at Charlotte, N. C., has returned a true bill of indictment for embezzlement against Archibald Brady, late cashier of the Charlotte Loan and Savings Bank. The amount involved is between $5,000 and $6 000.

At Rathbone, Steuben county, New York, last night, William Harrington was shot and instantly killed and William Morally wounded by Floyd Myers. All of the men had been drinking and the victims of the shooting accused Myers of stealing a wagon robe.

A strike of employes of the West End Street Railway Company, Boston, Mass., was inaugurated yesterday. All the drivers, motormen and conductors, to the number of 3 500 men, are affected. The other employes of the company are in full sympathy with the strikers.

A special from Mayfield, Ky., says that all fears of further race troubles are rapidly passing away. At a mass meeting last night a petition signed by over one hundred negroes asking for peace was read and adopted, and the excitement immediately died away.

Benjamin B. Jones, ex-paying teller of the National Bank of Illinois, which failed Monday, was arrested last night on an old charge, and the police authorities believe that they can compel him to divulge certain alleged irregularities in connection with the bank officials.

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded a contract to the Lombard Iron Works and Supply Company of Augusta, Ga., for a steel water tower and tank at the Port Royal, S. C., Naval Station, for $25 496, and for the store house at the same place to L. P. Hazen & Co., of Cincinnati, for $8 598.

MARINE DISASTER.

Schooner Calvin B. Orcutt Wrecked and the Entire Crew Lost.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATHAM, MASS., December 24.—Last night's storm was the most severe of the season here, a gale being accompanied by snow and sleet. During the storm the schooner Calvin B. Orcutt, of Perth Amboy, was wrecked and her entire crew lost.

Towards night some fishermen on the North Chatham shore noticed the large four-masted schooner very close into Chatham bar, wallowing and pitching heavily, and the sea sweeping over her deck every minute. It was a long distance to the wreck, and it was 1.30 before the life saving crew reached the scene. After planting a sand anchor, a line was shot from a gun. The force of the gale caused the first shot to go wide. The second shot threw the line directly over the masts and it caught on the spring stays. The snow had ceased falling and the moon was shining. Men were seen lashed to the rigging and the line hung over them, but no man moving showed that the last spark of life had ebbed away before help had arrived. This was at 3 o'clock, and 15 minutes later the masts fell. the schooner split open and the sea claimed as fine a vessel as ever sailed. At daylight this morning only the keel of the vessel remained.

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A HOTEL FIRE

At Rockford, Illinois—Guests Panic-Stricken But No Lives Lost.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROCKFORD, December 24.—The lives of many guests of the Huffman House were placed in jeopardy to-night when that hostelry and the block bearing its name was completely destroyed by fire, with a total loss of $190,000. The blaze originated in one of the show windows of Potter Bros.' dry good store on the lower floor, due to the whiskers of a "Santa Claus" figure becoming ignited from a gas jet. The flames ran through the store and its combustible stock with great rapidity. The guests became panic-stricken, but fortunately none had retired and all were rescued, but not without difficulty. Many of the escapes were exciting and narrow, the firemen being compelled to carry several of the ladies from the structure in a semi-conscious condition. The guests lost all of their personal belongings. The loss sustained by Potter Brothers is $90,000, with $60,000 insurance. The insurance on the building is $40,000.

PHOTOGRAPHING A WHALE.

A Snap Shot at a Monster as It Leaped Out of the Water.

Whether a certain whale that breakfasted, dined and supped every day in the Santa Catalina channel went out one morning with the determination of being photographed I really cannot say, but the picture was certainly taken.

Living in the neighborhood, the whale was probably familiar with the steamer that plowed daily through its dining room, and if it was at all an observing whale it must have noticed on the morning in question an unusual commotion on the deck of the steamer, and this is what it saw: The passengers were crowding about the rail, and on the upper deck stood a man and a little girl, the former holding a square black box, into which he looked earnestly. And if the whale had come a little nearer this is what he might have heard:

"Will he look pleasant?" asked the little girl of her companion.

"I hope so," he replied, glancing rapidly from the camera to the whale that was then swimming a few hundred feet away.

The passengers had first observed it a mile or more distant, when the little girl said it was "dancing on its tail." It had really leaped out of the water and for a few seconds exposed almost its entire back—most astonishing spectacle—and then had fallen back into the sea with a thundering crash. Soon it came to the surface again, and, shooting a cloud of vapor into the air that slowly floated away, at intervals disappeared and reappeared until finally it came alongside the steamer, swimming along within a short distance. It was then that the fortunate possessor of the camera secured a good position near the rail and waited, as his little companion had said, for the whale to "look pleasant." Looking pleasant in this instance meant for the whale to show a large portion of its body above the water. It was now swimming just below the surface, its huge black form, 60 or 70 feet in length, distinctly visible, propelled by the undulating movement of the tail. Suddenly it rose, showing just the portion around the blowholes, and with a loud puff the hot breath burst into the air, was condensed and in a little cloud drifted away.

"Didn't he look pleasant?" asked the little girl earnestly.

"Not quite pleasant enough," said the photographer as he peered into the tiny window of the camera that reflected the sea in brilliant tints. "I could catch the spout, but I want to wait until he throws his entire head out of water and looks really pleasant before I touch the button."

It was an exciting moment, as never, so far as known, had a living whale in the open ocean posed before a camera, or a photographer seen so huge an animal obligingly swim along, allowing its picture to be taken.

"It's a tame whale, isn't it?" said the little girl as the whale gradually came nearer.

"He certainly does not seem very timid," replied her companion, and as he spoke, puff! came the spouting like the escape of steam, the vapor actually drifting aboard the steamer into the faces of the passengers.

The whale was now so near that the barnacles upon his back could be seen, and one man was sure that he saw its eye. Suddenly it sank, and all that could be seen in the little window was the dancing waves and the white sails of myriads of velellas that covered the surface, scudding along before the fresh trade wind. Then without warning the creature as suddenly rose again, showing a large area of its back, sending at the same time a cloud of misty vapor into the air as its top or dorsal fin appeared. The photographer saw it in the little window, and evidently thinking that the whale looked as pleasant as he in all probability would touched the button, and, so far as is known, took the first photograph of a living whale in the open ocean.—Charles Frederick Holder in St. Nicholas.

It Didn't Work.

"Did you hear about Samuels?" asked Mrs. Graymare's husband.

"No, I didn't hear about Samuels," the lady answered. "When you have anything to tell, why don't you tell it?"

"Yes, dear. Well, Samuels was going home the other night, when a footpad shot at him and the ball hit a latchkey in Samuels' vest pocket and his life was saved. So you see what good a latchkey is."

"Indeed? If Samuels had been going home at a reasonable hour, he wouldn't have met any footpad. Secondly, he carries $50,000 insurance, payable to his wife, and if it had not been for that key she would be a rich widow right now. So, if you are hinting around for a latchkey, you will have to bring home some better story than that one. That's all. I'm going to go to bed now, and if you want to read you'll have to go to the kitchen. And don't waste the coal."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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JOHN G. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

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Buy your Toys and Dry Goods now, before the holiday season is past.

Our trade has been splendid this season, but we are sorry to say the season is nearly over and we are anxious to unload lots of our goods. We have made quite a lot of preparations for Santa Claus. He has for the past eight years made his headquarters with us, and we have found him to be a very generous old fellow, and he is also welcome this Christmas. We respectfully invite the little ones that Santa loves to come and leave their orders for Santa. He will be sure to attend to them. We have at Santa's disposal Dolls of all kinds dressed, from 5c to $3 50 each. China Dolls, Bisque Indestructible Cloth Dolls, Baby Dolls and Esquimo Dolls to please the eye and the pocket both.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$556,687 37	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	15 76	Surplus $ 5,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	50,000 00	Undivided profits 17,128 91—	62 728 91
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	44 970 00
Due from other Banks 155,701 84		Total Deposits	719,521 63
Cash on hand 179,815 77—	335,517 61		
Total	$952,220 54	Total	$952,220 54

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